

# Paw PAC

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JULY 25: LEGISLATIVE SESSION ENDING SOON



**The legislative session is coming to a close soon, but there are still several bills in committees which depend on our support. To become law, each bill must pass both houses and be signed by the Governor. The bills highlighted**

below are reaching the last hearings, and your voice can make the difference to their passage.

Legislators return from recess Monday August 6. Please contact them at their capitol offices as soon as possible starting on the 6th. When calling committees, the Chair & Vice Chair are most important.

[Assembly Appropriations](#) (916) 319-2081

**Meets Wednesday Aug. 8 at 9:00 a.m.**

(where the Senate bills now are, including 6 important bills below)

[Senate Appropriations](#) (916) 651-4101

**Meets Monday Aug. 6 at 10:00 a.m.**

(where AB 3040 is now)

[Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development](#)

**(916) 651-4104**

**Meets Monday Aug. 6 at 1:00 p.m.**

(where AB 2362 is now)

**How to contact your legislator:**

- Write brief, polite and specific email including the bill number.
- You may wish to also phone in your positions, due to the fast-paced wrap-up with hundreds of fiscal bills by Aug. 17, and all the rest by Aug. 31.
- Use email forms on your representatives' websites rather than an email address.

[Locate your California legislators here](#)

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## PawPAC at SoCal Vegfest • Costa Mesa • Oct. 20-21

It was good to meet new and old friends at the AR Conference. We look forward to seeing Southern California advocates again at the [SoCal Vegfest](#) in Costa Mesa October 21 & 22. We will bring 2018 voting records and endorsements for the November election (we will also publish both in an update and at [pawpac.org](#)).

### ★ 6 BILLS BELOW NEED TO PASS ASSEMBLY ★

Assembly Appropriations Committee

**Wednesday, Aug 8 at 9:00 a.m.**

LorenaGonzalezFletcher,Chair~ FrankBigelow,Vice Chair

**Call Assembly Appropriations: (916) 319-2081**  
**and contact your Assembly member**

### ★ SB 1487 (Stern) - Iconic African Species Protection Act

An act to add Section 2351 to the Fish and Game Code, relating to African species.



**Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.**

Support.

**ACTION: CONTACT YOUR ASSEMBLY MEMBER & ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.**

**Tell them that:**

This bill is intended to create a legal obstacle to the importation of iconic African trophy species into California. The planet is currently experiencing a sixth mass extinction in the past half-billion years. The current rate of extinction is 1,000 to 10,000 times that of past eras, with dozens of species going extinct every day. Despite the urgency of the situation, we are failing to save even our most iconic species, such as the African Elephant, Rhinoceros, Lion, Zebras, Hippos, among others.

**TRACK BILL**

### ★ SB 1017 (Allen) - Commercial fishing: drift gill nets

An act to amend, repeal and add sections to the Fish and Game Code, relating to fisheries.



## Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee

Support.

**ACTION: CONTACT YOUR ASSEMBLY MEMBER & ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.**

**Tell them that:**

California is the last state in the U.S. that allows fishermen to use drift gill nets in the swordfish fishery. This particular gear type has been banned in many locations worldwide because of the impacts on marine wildlife. The author said that according to the latest federal estimates, from 2001–15 California swordfish gill nets were responsible for the death of an estimated 6 Pacific leatherback sea turtles, 4 loggerhead sea turtles, and seven sperm whales. During the same period, the fishery caught over 1,300 marine mammals and threw overboard more than 140,000 fish and sharks, most of which likely perished.

SB 1017 will create an incentive for the California swordfish fishing industry to transition away from drift gill nets to more sustainable gear types such as deep-set buoy systems by establishing a program to buy back state drift gill net permits with public and private funds.

**TRACK BILL**

### ★ SB 1249 (Galgiani) - Animal testing: cosmetics

An act to add Section 1834.9.5 to the Civil Code, relating to animal testing.



## Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee

Support.

**ACTION: CONTACT YOUR ASSEMBLY MEMBER & ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.**

**Tell them that:**

Animal testing is cruel and unconscionable, especially when alternative methods of testing have become increasingly available. In fact, the European Union now prohibits the importation and sale of cosmetics that have been tested on animals. Just as we take pride in the clean and organic content of our cosmetics, we should insist that the ethical value of our products is also 100% clean.

**TRACK BILL**

### SB 1138 (Skinner) - Food options: plant-based meals

An act to add Section 1265.10 to the Health and Safety Code, and to amend Section 2084 of the Penal Code, relating to nutrition.



## Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee

Support.

**ACTION: CONTACT YOUR ASSEMBLY MEMBER & ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.**

**Tell them that:**

Most people have the option to prepare at home or bring a meal to work, school or elsewhere that suits our religious, ethical, and dietary needs. Those in an institutional setting such as a licensed health care facility or a state prison do not have that option. While many public institutions already provide vegetarian or vegan options, it is not yet required at hospitals and prisons. Providing a plant-based meal option not only ensures that religious, ethical, or dietary needs are respected, plant-based meals, if properly selected, can also be healthier.

**TRACK BILL**

## **SB 1024 (Wilk) - Animal abuse: mandatory mental health evaluation**

An act to amend and add sections to the Penal Code, relating to animal abuse.



**Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee**

Support.

**ACTION: CONTACT YOUR ASSEMBLY MEMBER & ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.**

**Tell them that:**

Currently, sentencing options for animal abuse crimes are limited and judges are afforded little discretion in appropriate treatment or education for offenders. The link between animal abuse and violence towards humans is well documented. Offenders who display violence towards animals often commit violent acts towards humans whether it be domestic violence, child abuse or--as we saw tragically in Parkland FL this year--mass shootings. This bill would require the court to consider ordering a mental health evaluation and, if necessary, a treatment plan. Early mental health intervention is often the key to stopping the progression and escalation of violent behavior.

**TRACK BILL**

## **SB 1305 (Glazer, Baker & Steinorth) - Emergency medical services providers: dogs and cats: immunity**

An act to add Section 1799.109 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to emergency medical services providers.



**Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee**

Support.

**ACTION: CONTACT YOUR ASSEMBLY MEMBER AND ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE. Tell them that:**

Current law does not allow personnel of fire districts and other first responder agencies to provide stabilizing, life-saving emergency care to dogs and cats. As a result, some first responders are hesitant to provide assistance due to liability for civil damages, criminal prosecution, or professional disciplinary action. This bill would provide this form of limited immunity to the provision of basic first aid to dogs and cats. These protections would address any hesitance on the part of emergency medical services providers to provide basic care to dogs and cats encountered in emergency situations.

**TRACK BILL**

**★ TWO BILLS BELOW NEED TO PASS SENATE ★**

Senate Appropriations **Monday, August 6 at 10:00 a.m.**

Sen. Anthony Portantino, Chair ~ Sen. Patricia Bates, Vice Chair **Call**

**Senate Appropriations (916) 651-4101**

Senate Business, Professions & Economic Development Committee  
**Monday, August 6 at 1:00 p.m.**

Sen. Jerry Hill, Chair ~ Sen. Jean Fuller, Vice Chair

**Call Senate B., P. & E.D. (916) 651-4104**

**and contact your Senator**

**AB 3040 (Nazarian) - Sexual abuse of animals.**

An act to amend the Business and Professions Code, and to amend, repeal and add sections of the Penal Code, relating to sexual abuse of animals.



**Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee**

**Support.**

**ACTION: CONTACT YOUR SENATOR & SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE. Tell them that:**

Protecting animals, including our pets, from sexual abuse should be an important goal in California and across the nation. Currently the law only prohibits sexual assault with an animal, but not other acts related to sexual assault—a major loophole in the law that has

caused local authorities difficulty in achieving convictions. In addition, California's animal cruelty law only applies in cases where there is provable physical injury to the animal. Many acts of animal sexual abuse are filmed and discovered well after the incident occurs, so the requisite demonstrable harm to the animal or medical evidence to substantiate physical injury cannot be recovered. Finally, similar to children and women, animals are trafficked, sold, and traded for sex. Whether it is because of the special bond between pets and humans, or because there is a need to protect those who can't speak for themselves, animal sexual abuse laws are a very important part of keeping our public safe.

TRACK BILL

## AB 2362 (Rubio, Cervantes) - Safe transportation of dogs and cats.



An act to add Chapter 12 (commencing with Section 122390) to Part 6 of Division 105 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to public health.

### Referred to Senate Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development

Support, with added comment.

**ACTION: CONTACT YOUR SENATOR & SENATE BUSINESS & PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE. Tell them that:**

Animals have suffered severe injury and death from heat exhaustion during transport. Current law does not address minimum care for the transport of pets in a mobile housing unit. This bill will set minimum standards for heating/cooling, ventilation and lighting for the animals while being transported by public animal control agencies/shelters, society for the prevention of cruelty to animals shelters, humane society shelters, or rescue groups.\*

\***Note:** The bill, as introduced, applied as well to "public or private **for-profit** entities that use mobile housing facilities for dogs or cats," but was amended to apply only to shelters and rescue organizations. (*History: In June 2017, a dog allegedly died of heatstroke from being transported in an animal control vehicle in Visalia.*)

Businesses, breeders and hunters who use dogs should be subject to the same standards as set forth in the bill. While PawPAC supports [AB 2362 as amended](#), we believe many animals will still be at risk, and we urge legislators to pass one fair standard for all.

TRACK BILL

## Chaptered ~ Now Law

[AB 2445 \(O'Donnell\) - Retail sale of dogs, cats & rabbits](#)

7-20 **CHAPTERED.** Support.

[ACR 246 \(Calderon + 58 in Assembly\) - World Oceans Day.](#)

7-10 **CHAPTERED.** Support.

[AB 2349 \(Chen\) - Humane officers to carry club or baton](#)

6-01 **CHAPTERED.** Support.

[ACR 153 \(Santiago\) - Pet adoptions](#)

5-24 **CHAPTERED.** Support.

[SB 615 \(Hueso / E. Garcia\) - Salton Sea Restoration](#)

10-15-17 **CHAPTERED.\*** Support.

\* please see Senator Hueso's companion bill for Salton Sea below.



## Failed or Stalled Bills

\*[SB 1277 \(Hueso\) - Salton Sea: governance](#)

Stalled in committee. **Support.**

★ [SB 3159 \(Thurmond\) - Animal slaughter: poultry](#)

Failed passage in committee. **Support.**

★ [SB 1441 \(Stern, Wilk\) - Animal cruelty: declawing](#)

Failed passage in committee. **Support.**

[AB 3013 \(Chu, Limón\) - Animal physical rehabilitation.](#)

Referred to Asm Appr. **Support.**

[SB-705 Solid waste: styrofoam food containers.](#)

Failed Senate floor. **Support.**

[AB 2422 \(Bloom, Friedman\) - Pesticides: coagulants](#)

Stalled. **Support.**

[AB 1865 \(Lackey, Baker\) Guide, signal and service dogs](#)

Stalled. **Support.**

[SB 911 \(Gaines, et al\) - Police dog or horse](#)

Failed passage in committee. **Support.**

[AB 1939 \(Steinorth, Atkins\) - Domestic violence: pet housing](#)

Suspense file. **Support.**

[AB 3128 \(Chen\) - Tax credit: service dogs](#)

Suspense file. **Support.**



## Additional Bills

★ [AB 2421 \(Stone\) - Monarch Butterfly and Pollinator Rescue Program](#)

7-03 Referred to Sen. Appr. **Support.**

★ [AB 1884 \(Calderon, Bloom, Stern\) - Single-use plastic straws.](#)

6-20 Passed by Com. on EQ. Referred to Sen. Appr. **Support.**

[SCR 139 \(Monning\) - No Straw November](#)

6-28 Referred to Assembly Com. on Rules. **Support.**

[AB 2300 Continuing education: veterinarians \(spay/neuter program\)](#)

7.03 Ordered to third reading in Sen. Appr. **Support**

[AB 1762 \(Steinorth et al\) - State parks: visitors: animals: dogs.](#)

7.02 Referred to Sen. Appr. **Support**

[AB 3021 \(Levine, et al\) - Egg-laying hens](#)

7-02 Referred to Sen. Appr. suspense file. **Support.**

[AB 1780 \(Maienschein, Wilk\) - Importation of diseased dogs and cats](#)

6-27 to Sen. Appr. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. **Support.**

[AB 2528 \(Bloom, Kalra\) - Climate adaptation](#)

7-03 Referred to Sen. Appr. **Support.**

[AB 2791 Stray animals: impoundment: puppies: kittens.](#)

7-02 Ordered to Consent Calendar. **Support.**

[AB 2774 \(Limón, Low\) - Animal abuse registry](#)

7-02 In Senate. Held at desk. **Watch.**

[AB 1776 \(Steinorth, et al\) Emergency medical transport of police dogs](#)

7-02 Ordered to Consent Calendar. **Support**

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Thank you to Wayne Symons for contributing the photo of his beagles.