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State	Bill #	New or Carry over	Title	Description	Status	Companion/ Same As/Similar to Bill if any	url
Iowa	SF 502	C	Amended to "An Act relating to commercial establishments keeping nonagricultural animals, by establishing a quality assurance council and providing for a quality assurance certificate awarded to selected commercial breeders."	Originally, added small breeder, competitive show breeder, specialized breeder, animal rescue, and animal sanctuary to the licensing scheme under the commercial establishments for nonagricultural animals. Small, specialized and show breeder is not defined but are subject to restrictions. Additional changes to existing law are made. NOW "Establishes a quality assurance council which shall review applications by commercial breeders who seek to receive a quality assurance certificate denoting the breeder as one of the leading commercial breeders in the state.	2/18/16 Hearing and amended in its entirety. Passed by Commerce Committee.		https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=86&ba=sf502

Kansas	HB 2554	N	Amending the Kansas pet animal act.	Removes the wholesale clause and otherwise broadens the number of breeders that would be included in the definition of animal breeder premises by lowering the threshold from "all or part of six or more litters" (or 30 dogs or cats) to "all or part of four litters" (or 30 dogs or cats) are sold. Hobby breeder and hobby breeder premises is deleted in this legislation. It also includes new requirements for Rescue Networks that would have to have a rescue network manager license from the commissioner and pay a fee for each foster home in the network. The bill would also require inspections for all licensees.	3/4/16 Withdrawn from Appropriations Rereferred to Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources. 2/17/16 Amendment reduced four litters to three for animal breeder premises threshold.		http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2015_16/measures/hb2554/
Massachusetts	SD 2459	N	An Act to prevent the euthanasia and overpopulation of animals due to irresponsible breeding [by requiring licensing of every breeder].	A person who breeds, or intends to breed, a dog or cat upon his or her residential premises shall obtain a license from the licensing authority prior to said breeding. A licensee is subject to inspections. Also no person can sell, adopt, barter or transfer a dog or cat without obtaining a license. This provision does not apply to government agencies, 501(c)(3) animal rescue organizations, permitted dog shows, licensed pet shows, or commercial boarding or training kennels.	2/24/16 Filed for introduction.		https://malegislature.gov/Bills/189/Senate/SD2459

New Jersey	A 2338	N	An act concerning the sale of cats and dogs.	Prohibits sight-unseen sale of cats and dogs - all sales must be face-to-face with extremely limited exceptions; requires pet shops to sell cats and dogs only from specified animal welfare sources; repeals "Pet Purchase Protection Act." This bill impacts consumer choice and would apply as long as one of the parties was located within the state. Primary Sponsor: Benson, Daniel R.; Vainieri Huttie, Valerie	2/4/2016 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee.	S 63	http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp
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South Dakota	SB 157	N	An Act to provide additional regulations for commercial breeding operations.	Would have added standards of care for commercial breeders. It included the following exemption; a person who owns or harbors 3 or fewer dogs or cats for breeding purposes that are at least 6 months of age is not a commercial breeding operation.	2/18/16 Dead.		http://legis.sd.gov/Legislative_Session/Bills/Bill.aspx?Session=2016&Bill=157

Utah	HB 132	N	An Act relating to certain licenses and a municipality's authority.	Authorizes municipalities to license commercial breeders. A commercial breeder is defined as "a person who for a fee or other consideration: (a) maintains in a kennel at any time six or more dogs for breeding or six or more cats for breeding and sells, leases, trades, barter, auctions, or provides to another person the offspring of those dogs or cats; or (b) buys, sells, leases, trades, barter, or provides to another person a dog or cat at wholesale for retail to another. Exempted are animal shelters. A kennel is defined as a place where a commercial breeder keeps, houses, and maintains dogs or cats. A commercial breeder does not include a person with five or fewer unsterilized dogs over six months old or five or fewer unsterilized cats over six months old.	3/4/16 Senate, Amended version (commercial breeder definition removed) placed on the 2nd Reading Calendar.	http://le.utah.gov/~2016/bills/static/HB0132.html
West Virginia	HB 4653	N	Statewide Mandatory Spay/Neuter.	Exempt are animals "kept as breeding stock by registered breeders of purebred domestic dogs and cats"	2/22/16 House Agriculture and Natural Resources, missed hearing deadline.	http://www.legis.state.wv.us/Bill_Status/bills_history.cfm?INPU=4653&year=2016&sessiontype=RS