



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Senate Passes Bills to Strengthen New York's Animal Cruelty Laws

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| ISSUE: **ANIMAL CRUELTY**



April is Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month, and the New York State Senate passed several bipartisan bills co-sponsored by Senator Pam Helming to protect animals and strengthen the state's animal cruelty laws.

"Whether it's protecting our pets or our people, I'll always fight for common sense laws that hold criminals accountable and deter crime," said Senator Helming.

The bills are:

- S.761: Removes the term “serious” from the phrase “serious physical injury” in the definition of aggravated cruelty to animals so that intentionally causing physical injury of any kind would be punishable under this offense.
- S.3431A: Creates new criminal offenses related to animal fighting.
- S.5325: Allows a judge discretion to order consecutive or concurrent sentences when an individual is convicted of multiple counts of aggravated cruelty to animals.

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RELATED LEGISLATION

2023-S761

- Introduced
- ◦ In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate
- ◦ On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate
- ◦ Passed Assembly

- Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Relates to aggravated cruelty to animals

January 06, 2023

In Assembly Committee

Sponsored by [Liz Krueger](#)

Do you support this bill?

2023-S3431A

- Introduced
 - ◦ In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate
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Relates to promoting animal fighting; and repeals certain provisions of such law relating thereto

January 31, 2023

In Assembly Committee

Sponsored by James Skoufis

Do you support this bill?

2023-S5325

- Introduced
- - In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate
- - On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate
- - Passed Assembly
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Relates to the sentencing for the crime of aggravated cruelty to animals

March 02, 2023

In Assembly Committee

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Do you support this bill?