

TREND: State Legislators are Largely Rejecting State Preemption Bills that Prohibit Local Governments from Adopting Pit Bull Laws

3.5-Year Trend: January 2012 to June 1, 2015

In 2012, a new wave of state preemption bills barring cities and counties from enacting breed-specific laws began being pushed by Utah-based fighting dog advocates, Best Friends Animal Society, and dog breeder interest groups.

Since January 2012, state legislators have rejected 67% of these preemption bills.

Year	State	Pass	Fail
2015	Arizona		X
	Georgia		X‡
	Kentucky		X
	<i>Michigan (pending live bill)*</i>		
	Montana		X
	North Carolina		X‡
	Washington		X
2015 total:		0%	100%
2014	Georgia		X
	Maryland		X‡
	Missouri		X
	South Dakota	X	
	Utah	X	
	Vermont		X
	Washington		X
2014 total:		29%	71%
2013	Connecticut	X	
	Nevada	X	
	New Mexico		X
	Rhode Island	X	
2013 total:		75%	25%
2012	Massachusetts	X	
2012 total:		100%	0%
Combined Total:		33%	67%

‡Indicates two separate preemption bills were introduced during the legislative session and both failed.

*Pending live bills are not included in the annual or overall pass/fail rates.

End notes - Failed bills

- 2015 - Arizona SB 1292 (Sen. Steve Smith)
URL: <https://legiscan.com/AZ/bill/SB1292/2015>
- 2015 - Georgia SB 184 (Sen. Ellis Black), HB 124 (Rep. John Yates)
URL: <https://legiscan.com/GA/bill/SB184/2015>
URL: <https://legiscan.com/GA/bill/HB124/2015>
- 2015 - Kentucky SB 124 (Sen. Tom Buford)
URL: <https://legiscan.com/KY/bill/SB124/2015>
- 2015 - (Pending live bill) Michigan SB 239 (Sen. David Robertson)
URL: <https://legiscan.com/MI/bill/SB0239/2015>
- 2015 - Montana SB 239 (Sen. Douglas Kary)
URL: <https://legiscan.com/MT/bill/SB239/2015>
- 2015 - North Carolina HB 751 (Rep. Michael Wray), HB 271 (Rep. Rodney Moore)
URL: <https://legiscan.com/NC/bill/H751/2015>
URL: <https://legiscan.com/NC/bill/H271/2015>
- 2015 - Washington HB 1018 (Rep. Sherry Appleton)
URL: <https://legiscan.com/WA/bill/HB1018/2015>
- 2014 - Georgia HB 409 (Rep. David Knight)
URL: <https://legiscan.com/GA/bill/HB409/2014>
- 2014 - Maryland HB 422 (Rep. Shelia Hixon), SB 991 (Sen. Nancy King)
URL: <https://legiscan.com/MD/bill/HB422/2014>
URL: <https://legiscan.com/MD/bill/SB991/2014>
- 2014 - Missouri HB 1116 (Rep. Ronald Hicks)
URL: <https://legiscan.com/MO/bill/HB1116/2014>
- 2014 - Vermont HB 775 (Rep. Dave Potter)
URL: <https://legiscan.com/VT/bill/HB775/2014>
- 2014 - Washington HB 2117 (Rep. Sherry Appleton)
URL: <https://legiscan.com/WA/bill/HB2117/2014>
- 2013 - New Mexico HB 63 (Rep. Yvette Herrell)
URL: <https://legiscan.com/NM/bill/HB63/2013>