

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

### 4.5-Year Trend: January 2012 to May 13, 2016

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 76% (19) of these preemption bills. Over the last 2.5-years, Jan. 2014 to May 2016, the rejection rate increased to 90%.

Year	State	Pass	Fail
2016	Idaho		X
	Georgia		X <sub>+</sub>
	Kentucky		X <sub>+</sub>
	Michigan	<i>Pending</i>	
	Missouri		X
	North Carolina	<i>Pending</i>	
	Washington		X
	West Virginia		X
2016 total:		0%	100%
2015	Arizona		X
	Georgia		X <sub>+</sub>
	Kentucky		X
	Michigan		X
	Montana		X
	North Carolina		X <sub>+</sub>
	Washington		X
	2015 total:		0%
2014	Georgia		X
	Maryland		X <sub>+</sub>
	Missouri		X
	South Dakota	X	
	Utah	X	
	Vermont		X
	Washington		X
	2014 total:		29%
<b>2.5-Year Total:</b>		<b>10% (2)</b>	<b>90% (18)</b>


*Grassroots efforts, fighting these bills, began in 2014*

2013	Connecticut	X	
	Nevada	X	
	New Mexico		X
	Rhode Island	X	
	2013 total:	75%	25%
2012	Massachusetts	X	
	2012 total:	100%	0%
	<b>4.5 Year Total:</b>	<b>24% (6)</b>	<b>76% (19)</b>

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

#### **End notes - Failed & carry over bills**

- 2016 - Idaho HB 470 (Rep. Mike Moyle)  
URL: <https://legiscan.com/ID/bill/H0470/2016>
- 2016 - 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>
- 2016 - Kentucky SB 116 (Sen. Paul Hornback), HB 510 (Rep. Tom Riner)  
URL: <https://legiscan.com/KY/bill/SB116/2016>  
URL: <https://legiscan.com/KY/bill/HB510/2016>
- 2016 - Michigan SB 239 (Sen. David Robertson)  
URL: <https://legiscan.com/MI/bill/SB0239/2015> - *Pending*
- 2016 - Missouri HB 1811 (Sen. Rep. Ronald Hicks)  
URL: <https://legiscan.com/MO/bill/HB1811/2016>
- 2016 - North Carolina HB 751 (Rep. Michael Wray), HB 271 (Rep. Rodney Moore)  
URL: <https://legiscan.com/NC/bill/H751/2015> - *Pending*  
URL: <https://legiscan.com/NC/bill/H271/2015> - *Pending*
- 2016 - Washington HB 1018 and its substitute (Rep. Sherry Appleton)  
URL: <https://legiscan.com/WA/bill/HB1018/2015>
- 2016 - West Virginia HB 4508 (Del. Pat McGeehan)  
URL: <https://legiscan.com/WV/bill/HB4508/2016>
- 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) - *Carry over*  
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 - Michigan SB 239 (Sen. David Robertson) - *Carry over*  
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) - *Carry over*  
URL: <https://legiscan.com/NC/bill/H751/2015>  
URL: <https://legiscan.com/NC/bill/H271/2015>
- 2015 - Washington HB 1018 (Rep. Sherry Appleton) - *Carry over*  
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>

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- 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>*