

HB 2291 -- Missouri Animal Care Advisory Committee

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This bill establishes the Missouri Animal Care Advisory Committee within the Department of Agriculture to review and make recommendations on the welfare of poultry, livestock, and licensed dog breeding facilities in this state. The 18-member committee will consist of:

- (1) The department director who will be a nonvoting member and serve as chair of the board;
- (2) The chair of the Missouri Senate Agriculture Committee as a nonvoting member;
- (3) The chair of the Missouri House Agriculture Committee as a nonvoting member;
- (4) The State Veterinarian;
- (5) The chair of the University of Missouri Animal Sciences Division;
- (6) The chair of the Missouri State University Animal Sciences Division;
- (7) The University of Missouri Food Animal Veterinary Extension Specialist; and
- (8) A representative of the Missouri Cattlemen's Association, Missouri Pork Association, Missouri Egg Council, Missouri Dairy Association, Poultry Federation, Missouri Corn Growers Association, Missouri Soybean Association, Missouri Farm Bureau, Equine Council, Missouri Livestock Marketing Association, and Missouri Federation of Animal Owners.

The committee must review the animal care practices related to poultry, livestock, and licensed dog breeding facilities and, when necessary, make recommendations to the General Assembly. When reviewing these practices, the committee must consider:

- (1) The health and husbandry of poultry, livestock, and dogs at licensed breeding facilities;
- (2) Generally accepted farm management practices;
- (3) Generally accepted veterinary standards and practices;
- (4) The economic impact on poultry and livestock farmers,

licensed dog breeders, consumers, and the affected sector as a whole; and

(5) Species specific animal care guidelines established by the respective national poultry, livestock, and licensed dog breeders organizations.

The committee must review national species specific animal care guidelines once every five years.