

**64<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING of the  
SOUTHERN LEGISLATIVE  
CONFERENCE**

**AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
BUSINESS BREAKFAST  
STATE ACTIONS ON ANIMAL WELFARE**

A brown horse stands in a grassy field, facing left. In the background, there is a white fence and a line of trees under a bright sky. The text is overlaid on the image.

# **Animal Rights – Animal Welfare Your Role**

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**Its been an active last few years**



**Protecting Animals, Domestic  
Violence**

**Required reporting of animal  
abuse by veterinarians**

**State legislation to add  
antifreeze bittering agent**

**Importation requirements**

**Companion Animal Care  
Guidelines**

**Canine devocalization**

**Declawing of domestic cats**

Animal disaster plans

Free-roaming abandoned and feral cats, horses

Ear cropping and tail docking of dogs

Mandatory spay/neuter laws

Compulsory animal identification

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Tail d



*I am required by law to tell you that everything you ordered today may be harmful to your health.*

at initiatives

California and Arizona

plant sow housing

housing of veal calves

California, added chickens to the list



# 2010 SARM Model Legislation Resolution

Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio,  
Louisiana, Utah, Vermont, and West Virginia



*"Are your chops humanely chopped?"*

# Michigan Ohio



- ✓ OLSCB will take action on downer cattle and humane euthanasia using HSUS ballot initiative language.
- ✓ Sale and new ownership of exotic animals will be prohibited.
- ✓ SB 95 regulating dog breeding will be approved.
- ✓ HB 108 increasing cockfighting penalties must be approved.



- ✓ Veal calves will be limited to group housing by 2017



✓ HSUS will work jointly with the OLSCB to “work for the highest farm animal care and welfare standards”, and fund future research.

✓ Sow gestation stalls will be prohibited after 2025, no gestation stalls in new facilities built after 12/2010.

✓ Use of cages for layer hens in new facilities will be prohibited.

✓ HSUS will not initiate litigation to obtain these results





**Anything that HSUS doesn't like, isn't happy with, the ballot initiative comes back**

**Concurrently-**

**HSUS and California egg producers legislation**

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