

Public Comments on H.411
March 5-26, 2019

Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 9:38 AM
To: Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: Bill H.411

Greetings,

I'm writing in regards to Bill H.411, which would make it illegal to drown animals that have been trapped in the state of Vermont. I want to add my voice to the list of those that consider this animal cruelty, and encourage the state to hold public hearings on the topic.

I know an old farmer, who is now 85 years old. He used to be the farm manager at the Brattleboro Retreat. They slaughtered numerous animals there in order to feed the patients. He tells me he used a bullet to put down an animal. Surely that is much quicker, and more humane than drowning an animal.

Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely,
Maria DeLuca
Brattleboro, VT 05301

Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 8:47 AM
To: Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: Please hold hearings on bill H411

Please hold hearings on this bill to ban the drowning of animals in Vermont. I am a resident in Putney, Vermont. Thank you!
-Karen Shapiro

Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 8:39 AM
To: Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: Bill H.411 - Ban drowning of animals in Vermong

To whom it may concern,

Please hold a hearing asking for Bill H.411 which seeks to ban the drowning of animals in Vermont! It is a cruel way to euthanize animals and completely inhumane. I can't believe this horrible practice is allowed.

Sincerely,
Margaret (Peggy) Tiffany
Marlboro, Vermont

Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 5:31 AM
To: Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: Bill H.411

Hello,

I am a resident of Brattleboro VT and just recently saw a Facebook post from the Windham County Humane Society showing that trappers throw raccoons still inside a trap into water to drown them. I was completely disgusted.

I think people forget that the animals were here before us. If they are becoming a problem at a residence, maybe it's because the humans that live there are leaving garbage, pet food etc. out that they are drawn to. Let's not forget that they are animals after all. They don't understand, they are just looking for food.

I certainly hope the State of Vermont votes on this bill to make it illegal to do this to these innocent animals.

Sincerely,
Norma Mercier

From: Emily Vaccaro
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 10:00 PM
To: Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: Bill H.411

Hello,

My name is Emily Vaccaro, and I live in Bellows Falls, VT. I am writing you today in hopes that you will consider a hearing for Bill H.411. Like so many other Vermont residents, animal welfare is very important to me. Drowning "pests" is incredibly inhumane and cruel. I hope that relocation is something to be considered. Thank you for your time.

Emily

Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 9:57 PM
To: Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: H.411

Dear representatives,

Please vote so that animals are not drowned to death in traps or otherwise. It is bad enough that they are killed at all; at least it should be done mercifully, as one would wish for themselves.

Bethany Knowles
Dummerston

From: Charlie
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 9:01 PM
To: Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: Bill H.411

Please hold a hearing for this bill!!! I am a VT resident from Grafton VT.

Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 8:21 PM
To: Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: Bill H 411

Please hold a hearing on Bill H. 411 to ban the drowning of animals in Vermont. This cruel practice must stop. We are better than this as a state. Thank you.

Anne Zepernick
Readsboro, Vermont

Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 7:59 PM
To: Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: Bill H.411

Hi there,

As humans on this earth it is important to lead by example. To teach our children how to respect and work with nature, of which we are rooted from. To teach compassion and show them how important it is to show mercy to our brothers and sisters that live on this earth with us as well. Have you ever taken time to sit down and think of what it would mean and feel like to experience being drowned by another? Having no where to go, being trapped and inhaling water into your lungs in a desperate attempt to find air to hold life in your body. The deep and severe burning of your lungs that results when you've inhaled liquid into your lungs. The desperation, the panic, the utter fear. The helplessness. There is no option, you have been handed your life, the end of it, by the choice of another, who doesn't think twice about just how much your life truly matters to you. Your children flashing into your thoughts, what are they going to do? How are they going to survive? Or maybe it was your child that was being drowned? The utter pain, the desperation, the helplessness. They are scared. They are in pain. I would fight for your mercy, for the mercy of your child. Now do the same for the ones who have no voices to speak up for themselves. We can relieve our brothers and sisters from this pain. If you must kill them, there is a better way, there is a faster way. The drowning of innocent animals who are merely trying to find ways

to survive in this world that's become invaded by the species of our very own, deserve this mercy. NO MORE DROWNING. THIS MUST STOP. Pass Bill H.411.

Mikaela Bruce
Essex Jct, VT 05452

From: barbarabsr
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 6:44 PM
To: Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: Bill H.411 seeks to ban the drowning of animals in Vermont!

Drowning animals is horribly cruel.

We must pass the bill that prohibits their drowning!

Brattleboro, VT resident.

Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 6:11 PM
To: Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: Bill H.411

Hello,

I am a Vermont resident located in Vernon, and I am asking you to please hold a hearing for Bill H.411. Drowning any animal is animal cruelty. Just because they are "nuisance animals" doesn't mean they don't feel pain or fear. It doesn't mean their lives have less value.

Sincerely,
Taylor Chamberlin

Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 5:13 PM
To: Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: Bill H.411

Please hold a hearing on bill H.411! Drowning of animals is unnecessarily cruel and must be stopped!

Catherine Nunn
Brattleboro, VT

Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 4:49 PM
To: Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: Bill H.411

Please hold a hearing for this bill.
We want the drowning of animals in Vermont to be banned.
Thank you,
Annie Frelich
Putney VT

Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 4:48 PM
To: Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: H.411

Hello,
I'm writing to ask that you please hold a hearing on H.411. I did not know until just now that wildlife caught in traps can be drowned in "dunk tanks" where they can take as long as 6 minutes to die. That makes me ill. Vermont can do better than that. Please do all you can to see that this bill is heard and gets passed so it becomes illegal for people to do this to animals.
Thank you,
Dottie Nelson
Middlebury VT

Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 4:41 PM
To: Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: Bill H.411

Hello - Please hold a hearing for this bill.

If it is necessary to kill animals to control their population, please assure that it is done in a humane way.

Holding a trapped animal underwater while it thrashes in drowning agony is not humane.

Thank you for your consideration.

Beverly Langeveld
Vernon, Vermont

From: Robert Elitzer
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 4:12 PM
To: Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: Bill H.411 - Ban the drowning of animals in Vermont!

Team:

As a resident of Vermont, I strongly encourage the House Natural Resources Fish & Wildlife Committee to ban the drowning of animals.

Kind Regards,

Robert Young

Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 3:34 PM
To: Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: Protect Our Wildlife Vermont

Please Hold A Hearing for Bill H.411 seeks to ban the drowning of animals in Vermont!

Drowning animals is animal cruelty!

All Being Have The Right To Live!!!

Thank you
Jennifer Winte
Homeowner in Whitingham, Vermont

Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 2:55 PM
To: Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: Bill H.411

Please hold a hearing for the above bill which seeks to ban the drowning of animals in Vermont!

This is inhumane and certainly animal cruelty.

David R. Boulton
West Townshend, VT 05359

From: Jordan Wright
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 2:00 PM
To: Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: Bill H. 411

Hello,

I'm from Dummerston, VT and I'm emailing to urge you to hold a hearing for Bill H. 411. We allow incredibly inhumane treatment of animals, as a VT resident I'm appalled that our state allows this.

Best,
Jordan

From: Julie Hamilton
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 1:51 PM
To: Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: Bill H 411

House Natural Resources Fish & Wildlife Committee,

Please hold a hearing for this bill. It is inhumane and barbaric to kill animals by drowning them in a cage. It's about time this law was changed!

Thank you,

Julie
Guilford, Vt 05301
Windham Country

Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 1:01 PM
To: Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: support for H411

Please support this legislation. Drowning is barbaric and inhumane
Thank you
Carolyn Grodinsky
Montpelier

Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 12:36 PM
To: Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: Bill H.411: House Natural Resources Fish & Wildlife Committee

Dear Members of the House Natural Resources Fish & Wildlife Committee,

I write today to urge you to hold a hearing on Bill H.411, which would ban the drowning of Vermont's animals. The practice of drowning is unusually inhumane and so far from any modern standard of ethical treatment of animals that Vermont's citizenry deserve the opportunity to be heard.

Thank you,
Hollis Burbank-Hammarlund
Newfane, VT

Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 12:23 PM
To: Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: Drowning of Nuisance Wildlife

To the House Natural Resources Fish and Wildlife Committee:

I urge you in the strongest terms to hold a hearing regarding H.411. Drowning an animal causes prolonged suffering and has no place in a civilized culture. Banning the drowning of animals in Vermont is long overdue and I believe you will find strong public support for this bill.

Susan M. Kelly, DVM
Halifax, VT

Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 12:21 PM
To: Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>; Mary Morrissey <MMORRISSEY@leg.state.vt.us>; Jim Carroll <JCarroll@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: H.411 support

Hello,

I am writing to support bill H. 411 and ask for a hearing for this bill, which, among other regulations relating to nuisance pest control, would prohibit drowning as a means of lethal pest management. It can take upwards of six minutes for an animal to drown... This is nothing more than animal cruelty.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.
Sincerely,
Alison Camarda
Bennington, VT

Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 12:15 PM
To: Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: Bill H.411 seeks to ban the drowning of animals in Vermont!

As resident of Vermont, I am concerned about the wildlife in our great state. I was not aware that drowning was even legal, let alone something practiced here. This is animal cruelty, and does not represent the wishes of the majority of Vermont's citizens.

I ask that you hold a hearing for this bill, and do what is right for our wildlife.

Sincerely,

Tracy Lopez-Hasuga

Burlington, VT

Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 11:52 AM
To: Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: Bill H.411

To the House Natural Resources Fish & Wildlife Committee,

Please hold a hearing for Bill H.411. I support a total ban on the drowning of wild animals in the State of Vermont.

Sincerely,
Cathryn Lykes
Brattleboro, VT

Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 11:56 AM
To: Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: drowning of trapped animals

Hello, I live near Bennington and just became aware of the way trapped animals are put into a "dunk tank" to die. It takes approximately 6 minutes for the animal to drown, which is a very long time of suffering trying to breathe.

I was told that you may be able to help change this.

This is inhumane. It seems relocating them, if they are pests, would be a much better option. Please put an end to this inhumane way of disposing of raccoons, opossums, and other animals killed in this way,

Sincerely,
Julie Williams
N Bennington, VT

Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 11:45 AM
To: Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: H.411

Please hold a hearing for H.411.

Thank you!

Annie Guion
Executive Director
Windham County Humane Society
Serving Southern Vermont since 1887
www.windhamcountyhumane.org

Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 11:15 AM
To: Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: Bill H.411

Dear House Natural Resources Fish & Wildlife Committee,

Bill H.411 seeks to ban the drowning of animals in Vermont!

Please hold a hearing for this bill.

I am a Vermont resident living in Hinesburg and I think this is cruel and inhumane treatment of any animal. This should not be the standard in this great state of Vermont where we strive to preserve our natural habitats and wildlife. Please, please give this your attention and take a stand for what is right.

Thank you,
Debra Bangsund
Hinesburg resident

Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2019 5:54 PM
To: Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: H 411

Please hold a hearing on bill H 411 to ban the drowning of animals. This is cruel and should not be occurring in the state of Vermont as a way to kill an animal.

Toby Powers & Nilton Costa
Winooski VT

Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2019 5:01 PM
To: Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: Bill H 411

Please hold a hearing on this bill which would end drowning of "nuisance" animals. Drowning innocent animals is abhorrent and cruel. Vermont can and must do better. Thank you.

Jane Fitzwilliam
Westminster West VT 05346

From: RoseAnn Johnson
Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2019 4:47 PM
To: Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: Bill H.411

Ban the drowning of animals.
This is all over social media.
Stop the Inhumane killing.

Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2019 2:17 PM
To: Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: Bill H.411

I am writing the House Natural Resources Fish and wildlife committee to ask that they hold a hearing on the Bill H.411.

I am a Native Vermonter and a resident of Essex Jct. I think that we could all agree that drowning an animal should be considered animal cruelty. Please give a voice to those who cannot speak for themselves.

Thank you,
Lori Cofelice

Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2019 1:47 PM
To: Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: Bill H411

Please pass this bill. Vermont is better than all this useless barbaric, cruelty to animals.

Sincerely,
Pascale Philibert
Dylan Philibert
Montpelier, VT 05602

Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2019 12:44 PM
To: Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: H.411

Hello,

I am writing to ask that the House Natural Resources Fish & Wildlife Committee hold a hearing on this bill, which bans the drowning of animals in VT. This is a cruel method to kill wildlife and should never have been legal in the first place.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Joy Ballard-Sendra
Wells, VT

Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2019 11:29 AM
To: Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: H411

Hello there,
I'm writing from Plainfield to respectfully request that a hearing be held for H411. Drowning is inhumane and should not be a legal method of ending any animal's life. Wildlife in our beautiful state is subject to an inordinate amount of cruelty. Small steps, such as banning drowning, can have a very positive effect on shifting attitudes.
Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Best regards,
Rhonna Gable

Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2019 10:53 AM
To: Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: Please support a ban on drowning animals!

Please support Bill H.411 to ban the drowning of animals in Vermont by pest control companies (or by anyone for that matter).

Drowning is NOT humane!

Thank you for listening.

Bonnie Haselton
S Burlington VT 05403

From: estherlotz
Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2019 10:39 AM
To: Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: Good morning,

Bill H.411 seeks to ban the drowning of animals in Vermont

I am writing this morning to request please a hearing on this bill.

This very important to me as it is such a terribly cruel & barbaric practice & I believe it needs to be ended as quickly as possible.

I am a Burlington Vermont resident.

Thank you, Esther.
Esther J Lotz, Broker, LLC
Burlington VT 05401

Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2019 10:38 AM
To: Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: Bill H.411

Attn: House Natural Resources Fish & Wildlife Committee,

I'm writing to ask that you please hold a hearing for Bill H.411, which seeks to ban the drowning of animals in Vermont. This is nothing short of animal cruelty and should be outlawed at once. Thank you for your time.

Regards,
Katie Flanagan
Williamsville, VT

From: Rodney Campbell
Sent: Tuesday, March 05, 2019 6:54 AM
To: Laura Bozarth <LBozarth@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: H411

Hi my name is Rodney Campbell I live in Worcester and I don't think that H441 should be voted out and I will explain why. The same wording was brought up last year. People but hundreds of hours into the final bill. That bill is a good bill and good for the people of Vermont. We don't need to do the same bill again this year. Please do not let this waste of money go toward.