

NCEL Information Sheet
2015 State Bills to Prohibit Sale of Elephant Ivory and Rhino Horn
(Bill Status as of March 21, 2015)

Arkansas
2015

Number: **AR [R] SB 928** - Updated (New 03/10/2015)

Sponsor: Sen. David Johnson (DEM-AR)

Title: [TO PROHIBIT THE PURCHASE, SALE, OFFER FOR SALE, POSSESSION WITH THE PURPOSE TO SELL, AND IMPORTATION WITH THE PURPOSE TO SELL IVORY OR RHINOCEROS HORNS, WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS.](#)

Status: [Senate -- Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary - 03/09/2015](#)

California
2015-2016

Number: **CA [R] AB 96** - Updated (Hearing 03/20/2015)

Sponsor: Asw. Toni Atkins (DEM-CA)

Title: [Animal parts and products: importation or sale of ivory and rhinoceros horn.](#)

Abstract: An act to add Section 2022 to the Fish and Game Code, and to repeal Section 5 of Chapter 692 of the Statutes of 1976, relating to animal parts and products.

Status: [From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. \(Ayes 10. Noes 2.\) \(March 10\). Re-referred to Com. on APPR. - 03/10/2015](#)

Connecticut
2015

5 Bills

Number: **CT [R] HB 5470** - Updated (Hearing 02/07/2015)

Sponsor: Rep. Rick Lopes (DEM-CT)

Title: [AN ACT BANNING THE SALE OF IVORY IN CONNECTICUT.](#)

Abstract: AN ACT BANNING THE SALE OF IVORY IN CONNECTICUT. To ban all sales of ivory in Connecticut.

Status: [Change of Reference, Senate to Committee on Environment - 02/06/2015](#)

Number: **CT [R] HB 5700** - Updated (New 01/21/2015)

Sponsor: Rep. Diana Urban (DEM-CT)

Title: [AN ACT BANNING THE SALE OF IVORY.](#)

Abstract: AN ACT BANNING THE SALE OF IVORY. To prevent the killing of elephants for their ivory tusks.

Status: [Referred to Joint Committee on Environment - 01/21/2015](#)

Number: **CT [R] HB 5718** - Updated (New 01/21/2015)

Sponsor: Rep. Roberta Willis (DEM-CT)

Title: [AN ACT BANNING THE SALE OF ELEPHANT IVORY AND RHINOCEROS HORNS.](#)

Abstract: AN ACT BANNING THE SALE OF ELEPHANT IVORY AND RHINOCEROS HORNS. To deter the illegal trade in elephant ivory and rhinoceros horn.

Status: [Referred to Joint Committee on Environment - 01/21/2015](#)

Number: **CT [R] HB 5731** - Updated (New 01/21/2015)

Sponsor: Rep. Philip Miller (DEM-CT)

Title: [AN ACT BANNING THE SALE OF IVORY AND RHINOCEROS HORN IN CONNECTICUT.](#)

Abstract: AN ACT BANNING THE SALE OF IVORY AND RHINOCEROS HORN IN CONNECTICUT. To prevent the slaughter of elephants and rhinoceroses.

Status: [Referred to Joint Committee on Environment - 01/21/2015](#)

Number: **CT [R] HB 6955** - Updated (Hearing 03/19/2015)

Sponsor: Environment Committee

Title: [AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE AND TRADE OF IVORY AND RHINOCEROS HORN.](#)

Abstract: AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE AND TRADE OF IVORY AND RHINOCEROS HORN. To prohibit the sale and trade of ivory and rhinoceros horn and products made of such ivory and rhinoceros horn in order to limit the market for such items and reduce the killing of elephants and rhinoceros for their ivory and horns.

Status: [Public Hearing 03/11 - 03/06/2015](#)

Florida 2015

Number: **FL [R] SB 1120** - Updated (Status 03/04/2015)

Sponsor: Sen. Thad Altman (REP-FL)

Title: [Illegal Ivory Articles and Rhinoceros Horns](#)

Abstract: Illegal Ivory Articles and Rhinoceros Horns; Prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, and distribution of ivory articles and rhinoceros horns; providing exceptions and penalties; specifying applicability of penalty provisions relating to the illegal manufacture, sale, purchase, or distribution of ivory articles and rhinoceros horns, etc.

Status: [Introduced - 03/03/2015](#)

Hawaii 2015-2016

2 Bills

Number: **HI [R] HB 837** - Updated (Status 03/13/2015)

Sponsor: Rep. Karl Rhoads (DEM-HI)

Title: [Ivory; Rhinoceros Horn; Conservation](#)

Abstract: Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to enforce and create a registry for ivory and rhinoceros horn items that are intended for sale or purchase within the State; provided the age and species of the items can be documented. Provides that only registered items can be sold or bought. Exempts personal possession, acquisition by inheritance, and certain items with an ivory content of

less than twenty percent by volume from registration. (HB837 HD2)

Status: [S Referred to ENE/CPN, JDL/WAM. - 03/12/2015](#)

Number: **HI [R] SB 674** - Updated (Status 02/20/2015)

Sponsor: Sen. Will Espero (DEM-HI)

Title: [Animal Cruelty; Import and Sale of Ivory and Rhinoceros Horn; Prohibitions; Penalties](#)

Abstract: Establishes the offense of the unlawful sale or trade of ivory or rhinoceros horn for any person who sells, offers to sell, possesses with the intent to sell, or imports with the intent to sell any ivory or rhinoceros horn. Creates exemptions for the sale or trade of ivory or rhinoceros horn. Effective 01/01/16.

Status: [S The committee on CPN deferred the measure. - 02/19/2015](#)

Iowa 2015-2016

Number: **IA [R] SF 30** - Updated (Status 02/12/2015)

Sponsor: Sen. Matthew McCoy (DEM-IA)

Title: [A bill for an act prohibiting the sale of ivory and rhinoceros horns with certain permitted exceptions and providing penalties.](#)

Abstract: The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly. This bill prohibits the sale of ivory and rhinoceros horns with exceptions. A person who sells, offers for sale, purchases, trades, barter, or distributes an ivory article or rhinoceros horn is guilty of a class "D" felony. The sentence for a class "D" felony includes imprisonment for no more than five years and a fine of at least \$750 but not more than \$7,500. The bill allows the department of natural resources to issue permits for sales of ivory articles or rhinoceros horns that are any of the following: ...

Status: [Subcommittee reassigned, Dearden, Petersen, and Shipley. S.J. 283. - 02/11/2015](#)

Illinois 2015-2016

Number: **IL [R] SB 1858** - Updated (Status 03/21/2015)

Sponsor: Sen. Linda Holmes (DEM-IL)

Title: [IVORY BAN](#)

Abstract: Creates the Ivory Ban Act. Provides that it shall be unlawful for any person to import, sell, offer for sale, purchase, barter, or possess with intent to sell, any ivory, ivory product, rhinoceros horn, or rhinoceros horn product. Establishes penalties for violation of the Act. Provides that the Department of Natural Resources may permit, under terms and conditions as the Department may adopt by rule, the import, sale, offer for sale, purchase, barter, or possession with intent to sell, of any ...

Status: [Senate Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 Referred to Assignments - 03/20/2015](#)

Massachusetts 2015-2016

Number: **MA [R] HB 1275** - Updated (Status 03/14/2015)
Sponsor: Rep. Lori Ehrlich (DEM-MA)
Title: [An Act to prevent trafficking in ivory and rhino horns](#)
Status: [Concurred in committee referral - 03/10/2015](#)

Maryland 2015

Number: **MD [R] HB 713** - Updated (Status 03/14/2015)
Sponsor: Del. Eric Luedtke (DEM-MD)
Title: [Natural Resources - Trade in Ivory and Rhinoceros Horn - Prohibition](#)
Abstract: Prohibiting a person from purchasing, selling, offering for sale, possessing with the intent to sell, or importing with the intent to sell any ivory or rhinoceros horn, subject to specified exceptions; establishing under specified circumstances a presumption that a person possesses ivory or rhinoceros horn with the intent to sell; establishing specified penalties for a violation of the Act; authorizing a court to order that a person who violates the Act pay specified restitution to be used for ...
Status: [Unfavorable Report by Judiciary - 03/16/2015](#)

Nevada 2015

Number: **NV [R] SB 398** - Updated (Status 03/20/2015)
Sponsor: Sen. Mo Denis (DEM-NV)
Title: [Prohibits the sale or transfer of ivory under certain circumstances. \(BDR 52-1022\)](#)
Abstract: Relating to trade practices; prohibiting the sale or transfer of ivory and ivory products under certain circumstances; setting forth certain exceptions; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.
Status: [From printer. To committee. - 03/19/2015](#)

New York 2015-2016

Number: **NY [R] AB 6071** - Updated (Status 03/21/2015)
Sponsor: Asm. Steven Englebright (DEM-NY)
Title: [AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to musical instruments containing ivory or rhinoceros horn; and to amend chapter 326 of the laws](#)
Abstract: Amd S11-0535-a, En Con L; amd S7, Chap 326 of 2014 Relates to musical instruments containing ivory or rhinoceros horn; specifies amount allowable for instruments for elephant ivory and mammoth ivory; requires documentation to show articles with mammoth ivory being sold, offered for sale, traded, bartered or distributed were obtained prior to the effective date of this act.
Status: [advanced to third reading cal.129 - 03/20/2015](#)
Number: **NY [R] SB 2887** - Updated (Status 01/29/2015)
Sponsor: Sen. Andrew Lanza (REP-NY)
Title: [AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to musical](#)

[instruments containing ivory or rhinoceros horn; and to amend chapter 326 of the laws](#)

Abstract: Amd S11-0535-a, En Con L; amd S7, Chap 326 of 2014 Relates to musical instruments containing ivory or rhinoceros horn; specifies amount allowable for instruments for elephant ivory and mammoth ivory; requires documentation to show articles with mammoth ivory being sold, offered for sale, traded, bartered or distributed were obtained prior to the effective date of this act.

Status: [REFERRED TO RULES - 01/29/2015](#)

**Oklahoma
2015-2016**

Number: **OK [R] HB 1787** - Updated (Hearing 02/16/2015)

Sponsor: Rep. Mike Shelton (DEM-OK)

Title: [Game and fish; prohibiting the sale, purchase, barter or possession with intent to sell of ivory or rhinoceros horn; effective date.](#)

Abstract: An Act relating to game and fish; providing for definitions; prohibiting the sale, purchase, barter or possession with intent to sell of ivory or rhinoceros horn; providing for the presumptive evidence of possession with intent to sell; specifying that the act of obtaining an appraisal does not constitute possession with intent to sell; allowing for the conveying of ivory and rhinoceros horn to legal beneficiaries; exempting application to certain federal and state employees or agents; limiting application to imports authorized by federal license or ...

Status: [Second Reading referred to Wildlife - 02/03/2015](#)

**Oregon
2015**

Number: **OR [R] SB 913** - Updated (Status 03/18/2015)

Sponsor: Judiciary

Title: [Creates offense of trafficking in animal parts.](#)

Abstract: Creates offense of trafficking in animal parts. Provides that knowing purchase, sale, offering for sale, possession with intent to sell or importation for purchase or sale in this state of ivory, rhinoceros horn, ivory products or rhinoceros horn products is offense. Creates exceptions. Makes first offense punishable by maximum of 30 days' imprisonment and by maximum fine of ...

Status: [Public Hearing and Possible Work Session scheduled. - 03/24/2015](#)

**Rhode
Island 2015-
2016**

Number: **RI [R] H 5660** - Updated (Text 03/19/2015)

Sponsor: Rep. Arthur Handy (DEM-RI)

Title: [AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - SALE OF IVORY OR RHINOCEROS HORNS \(Prohibits any person from importing, selling, offering for sale, purchasing, bartering, or possessing with intent to sell, any ivory, ivory product, rhinoceros horn, or rhinoceros horn product, with limited exceptions.\)](#)

Abstract: This act would prohibit any person from importing, selling, offering for sale,

purchasing, 1 bartering, or possessing with intent to sell, any ivory, ivory product, rhinoceros horn, or 2 rhinoceros horn product, with limited exceptions. 3 This act would take effect on January 1, 2016. 4

Status: [Committee postponed at request of sponsor - 03/17/2015](#)

United States 2015-2016

Number: **US [R] HR 697** - Updated (Status 03/17/2015)

Sponsor: Rep. Don Young (REP-AK)

Title: [African Elephant Conservation and Legal Ivory Possession Act of 2015](#)

Status: [Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands. - 03/16/2015](#)

Virginia 2014-2015

Number: **VA [R] SB 1215** - Updated (Text 02/11/2015)

Sponsor: Sen. Adam Ebbin (DEM-VA)

Title: [Ivory and rhinoceros horn; person who imports, sells, etc.](#)

Abstract: Sale of ivory and rhinoceros horn; penalty. Provides that a person who imports, sells, offers for sale, purchases, barter, or possesses with intent to sell any ivory, ivory product, rhinoceros horn, or rhinoceros horn product is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor for a first offense and a Class 6 felony for a second or subsequent offense. The bill provides that products used in violation of the section will be forfeited to the Commonwealth. The bill has an effective date of January 1, 2016.

Status: [Senate: Stricken at the request of Patron in Courts of Justice \(12-Y 0-N\) - 01/26/2015](#)

Vermont 2015-2016

Number: **VT [R] H 297** - Updated (Status 02/25/2015)

Sponsor: Kurt Wright

Title: [An act relating to the sale of ivory or rhinoceros horn](#)

Abstract: An act relating to the sale of ivory or rhinoceros horn

Status: [Read First Time and Referred to the Committee on Fish, Wildlife & Water Resources - 02/24/2015](#)

Washington 2015-2016

2 Bills

Number: **WA [R] HB 1131** - Updated (Status 02/14/2015)

Sponsor: Rep. Eric Pettigrew (DEM-WA)

Title: [Concerning ivory and rhinoceros horn trafficking.](#)

Abstract: (SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB) Prohibits the sale, offering to sell, purchasing, trading, trafficking, bartering for, or distribution of any ivory article or rhinoceros horn. Expands the crime of unlawful trafficking in fish, shellfish, or wildlife in the second degree.

Status: [Public hearing in the House Committee on General Government & Information Technology at 3:30 PM. - 02/10/2015](#)

Number: **WA [R] SB 5241** - Updated (Text 02/18/2015)

Sponsor: Sen. Steve Litzow (REP-WA)

Title: [Concerning ivory and rhinoceros horn trafficking.](#)

Abstract: Prohibits the sale, offering to sell, purchasing, trading, trafficking, bartering for, or distribution of any ivory article or rhinoceros horn. Expands the crime of unlawful trafficking in fish, shellfish, or wildlife in the second degree.

Status: [Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Parks at 2:00 PM. - 01/28/2015](#)