

12. CALIFORNIA STATE – FIRST STATE IN US TO BAN THE SALE OF NEW FUR PRODUCTS

On October 12, 2019, California Governor Gavin Newsom approved Assembly Bill (AB) 44 – Fur Products: Prohibition.

Prohibition:

The law prohibits the sale, offering for sale, displaying for sale, trade, or distributing for monetary or nonmonetary consideration a fur product in the state of California. After the law goes into effect, manufacturers will face fines of \$500 to \$1,000 for each violation of the law.

Effective Date: January 1, 2023

Exemptions:

- A used fur product
- A fur product used for religious purposes
- A fur product used for traditional tribal, cultural or spiritual purposes by Native American tribe
- Any activity expressly authorized by federal law

Definition:

"Fur" is defined by the law *as any animal skin or part thereof with hair, fleece, or fur fibers attached thereto, either in its raw or processed state.* The definition excludes:

- A dog or cat fur product, as defined in Section 1308 of Title 19 of the United States Code, as that section reads on January 1, 2020
- An animal skin or part thereof that is to be converted into leather, which in processing will have the hair, fleece, or fur fiber completely removed
- Cowhide with hair attached thereto
- Deerskin, sheepskin, or goatskin with hair attached thereto
- The pelt or skin of an animal that is preserved through taxidermy

"Fur Product" is defined by the law *as any article of clothing or covering for any part of the body, or any fashion accessory, including, but not limited to, handbags, shoes, slippers, hats, earmuffs, scarves, shawls, gloves, jewelry, keychains, toys or trinkets, and home accessories and decor, that is made in whole or in part of fur.*

15. NEW YORK STATE – PROPOSED BAN ON FUR PRODUCTS

The U.S. state of New York has proposed a bill (A05040) to ban the sale and manufacture of fur products. Here are the highlights:

Prohibition

1. **Beginning 2021**, it shall be unlawful to sell, offer for sale, display for sale, trade, give, donate, or otherwise distribute a fur product by any means in the state.

Exception:

- *used fur products by a person not normally engaged in the business of selling fur products, non-profit organization, or second-hand stores including pawn shops;*
- *fur products made from furbearing mammals and nongame mammals lawfully taken under the authority of a trapping or hunting license, pursuant to title seven, nine or eleven of article eleven of the environmental conservation law.*

2. **Beginning 2021**, it shall be unlawful to manufacture a fur product in the state.

Exception: manufacture of any fur product using fur sourced exclusively from used fur products.

Definition

"Fur" means any animal skin or part thereof with hair, fleece, or fur fibers attached thereto, either in its raw or processed state. "Fur" does not include such skins or parts thereof as are to be converted into leather, which in processing will have the hair, fleece, or fur fiber completely removed; cowhide with hair attached thereto; or lambskin or sheepskin with fleece attached thereto.

"Fur Product" means any article of clothing or covering for any part of the body, or any fashion accessory, including but not limited to handbags, shoes, slippers, hats, earmuffs, scarves, shawls, gloves, jewelry, and key chains, that is made in whole or in part of fur.

"Used Fur Product" means fur product that a person has acquired for his or her own use and worn.