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HOUSE . . . . . No. 561

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradford Hill

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying:

An Act relative to the regulation of animal shelters.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Bradford Hill	*4th Essex*

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By Mr. Hill of Ipswich, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 561) of Bradford Hill relative to the regulation of animal shelters. Municipalities and Regional Government.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
HOUSE
, NO. *3703* OF 2009-2010.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

An Act relative to the regulation of animal shelters.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Amend Chap 129 of the general laws by inserting the following:

Section 39E: Animal Shelters and Rescue (rehoming) Organizations

SECTION 1. Definitions:

"Shelter" – Any 501 (c)3 organization or other IRS not for profit status organization, that finds homes for unowned animals.

"Rescue Organization" – A 501 (c)3 organization or other IRS not for profit status organization other than a shelter as defined in this act that arranges for transfer of unowned dogs and cats to temporary or permanent homes in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

"Department" – Department of Agricultural Resources