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SENATE . . . . . No. 1172

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Karen E. Spilka

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 ensuring the safety of people with pets in disasters .

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Karen E. Spilka	*Second Middlesex and Norfolk*
Louis L. Kafka	*8th Norfolk*
Carlo Basile	*1st Suffolk*
William N. Brownsberger	*Second Suffolk and Middlesex*
Jason M. Lewis	*31st Middlesex*
Tom Sannicandro	*7th Middlesex*
Denise Provost	*27th Middlesex*
Eugene L. O'Flaherty	*2nd Suffolk*
Peter V. Kocot	*1st Hampshire*
Kathi-Anne Reinstein	*16th Suffolk*
Mark J. Cusack	*5th Norfolk*
Martin J. Walsh	*13th Suffolk*
Lori A. Ehrlich	*8th Essex*
Sarah K. Peake	*4th Barnstable*
Mark C. Montigny	*Second Bristol and Plymouth*
Cory Atkins	*14th Middlesex*
Christine E. Canavan	*10th Plymouth*
Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera	*10th Hampden*

Jennifer L. Flanagan	*Worcester and Middlesex*
Elizabeth A. Poirier	*14th Bristol*
Michael D. Brady	*9th Plymouth*
Paul W. Mark	*2nd Berkshire*
William Smitty Pignatelli	*4th Berkshire*
David M. Rogers	*24th Middlesex*
Thomas M. Stanley	*9th Middlesex*
Jerald A. Parisella	*6th Essex*
Jonathan Hecht	*29th Middlesex*
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	*34th Middlesex*
Denise Andrews	*2nd Franklin*
James M. Murphy	*4th Norfolk*
Chris Walsh	*6th Middlesex*
Timothy R. Madden	*Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket*
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*
Thomas J. Calter	*12th Plymouth*
John P. Fresolo	*16th Worcester*
Richard J. Ross	*Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex*
James J. Dwyer	*30th Middlesex*
Brian R. Mannal	*2nd Barnstable*
Ruth B. Balser	*12th Middlesex*
James T. Welch	*Hampden*
John J. Lawn, Jr.	*10th Middlesex*
Carolyn C. Dykema	*8th Middlesex*
Paul R. Heroux	*2nd Bristol*
James B. Eldridge	*Middlesex and Worcester*
Sean Garballey	*23rd Middlesex*
John W. Scibak	*2nd Hampshire*
Colleen M. Garry	*36th Middlesex*
Byron Rushing	*9th Suffolk*
Keiko M. Orrall	*12th Bristol*
Brian M. Ashe	*2nd Hampden*
Kevin J. Kuros	*8th Worcester*
Danielle W. Gregoire	*4th Middlesex*
Joan Lovely	*Second Essex*

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By Ms. Spilka, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1172) of Karen E. Spilka, Louis L. Kafka, Carlo Basile, William N. Brownsberger and other members of the General Court for legislation to ensure the safety of people with pets in disasters. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

An Act ensuring the safety of people with pets in disasters .

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 639 of the acts of 1950 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "persons" the following words: – and household pets and service animals, as defined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1570b,

SECTION 2. Section 1 of chapter 639 of the acts of 1950 is hereby amended by inserting at the end of the second paragraph the following words: –

Any emergency plan of operations shall include strategies to support the needs of people with household pets, and the needs of household pets under their care, including service animals. Such local organization for civil defense shall take appropriate steps to educate the public regarding the resources available in the event of an emergency and the importance of emergency preparedness planning.