

HOUSE No. 1578

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kathi-Anne Reinstein

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to stolen animals.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Kathi-Anne Reinstein

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

16th Suffolk

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By Ms. Reinstein of Revere, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1578) of Kathi-Anne Reinstein relative to veterinarians identifying and reporting stolen animals and the charging of persons in possession of said animals with receiving stolen property. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen
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An Act relative to stolen animals.

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

1 Chapter 112 of the General laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 58B the
2 following section:-

3 Section 58C. Any veterinarian who treats an animal in veterinary hospital or clinic shall
4 scan sick animal for a microchip I.D. to identify the animal to detriment it is not stolen. If the
5 animal is determined to have been stolen. Police shall be notified and the person in possession of
6 the animal shall be charged with receiving stolen property.