

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1594**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Byron Rushing***

*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 the repeal of certain archaic laws concerning animals.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Byron Rushing*

*9th Suffolk*

*Elizabeth A. Malia*

*11th Suffolk*

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By Mr. Rushing of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1594) of Byron Rushing and Elizabeth A. Malia relative to Sunday hunting, the protection of pigeons and penalties for the sexual abuse of animals. The Judiciary.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to the repeal of certain archaic laws concerning 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 SECTION 1. Section 57 of Chapter 131 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
2 amended by striking out lines 1 to 14 and inserting in place thereof the words: Sunday hunting  
3 may be allowed and the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife shall promulgate such rules and  
4 regulations as it deems necessary for the implementation and administration of this section.

5 SECTION 2. Section 132 of Chapter 266 of the General Laws, is hereby repealed.

6 SECTION 3. Said chapter 272 is hereby further amended by striking out Section 34, as  
7 appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section: -

8 Section 34. Whoever commits a sexual act on an animal, uses an object to sexually abuse  
9 an animal, or knowingly permits a sexual act with an animal on any premises under such person's  
10 control, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 20 years or in a  
11 house of correction for not more than 2 1/2 years, and by a fine of not more than \$5,000.