

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1310**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***William C. Galvin, (BY REQUEST)***

*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 animal abuse.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Michael Hirsch*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*37 Meadow Wood Drive Stoughton, MA  
02072*

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By Mr. Galvin of Canton (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1310) of Michael Hirsch relative to the penalties for animal abuse. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to animal abuse.

*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 112 of Chapter 266 of the General Laws, as amended by Section 2  
2 of Chapter 293 of the Acts of 2014, is further amended by striking out, "7 years in state prison or  
3 imprisonment in the house of correction for not more than 2 1/2 years or by a fine of not more  
4 than \$5,000 or by both fine and imprisonment; provided, however, that a second or subsequent  
5 offense shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 10 years or by a  
6 fine of not more than \$10,000 or by both such fine and imprisonment" and inserting in place  
7 thereof the following words: - 10 years in a state prison or house of correction with a fine of not  
8 more than \$5,000, however, that subsequent offenses shall be punished by imprisonment in the  
9 state prison for not more then 15 years and a fine of not more than \$15,000.

10           SECTION 2. Section 77 of chapter 272 of the general laws, as amended by Section 3 of  
11 Chapter 293 of the Acts of 2014, is further amended by striking out, "7 years in state prison or  
12 imprisonment in the house of correction for not more than 2 1/2 years or by a fine of not more  
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