

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1309**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act relative to damages for the malicious injury to pets..

*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 140 of the General laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 174D the  
2 following section:-

3 Section 174E. In suits for damages for malicious injury or the killing of a pet, such  
4 damages may include emotional distress and loss of companionship.