

# 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.