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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 vicious dogs..

*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 157 of Chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 inserting the following language after the words “in which case such order shall be reversed”: -  
3 During the ten days following the order of such selectmen, officer in charge of the animal  
4 commission or persons charged with the responsibility of handling dog complaints or county  
5 commissioners, and during the pendency of a petition in the district court praying for review of  
6 said order, including the pendency of a request for a de novo hearing on the petition before a  
7 justice of the court, the selectmen, officer in charge of animal commission or persons charged  
8 with the responsibility of handling dog complaints or county commissioners may order said dog  
9 restrained as may be deemed necessary.