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HOUSE . . . . . No. 1445

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kay Khan

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 regulation of animal shelters.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*
Jennifer E. Benson	*37th Middlesex*
Cory Atkins	*14th Middlesex*
F. Jay Barrows	*1st Bristol*
Theodore C. Speliotis	*13th Essex*

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By Ms. Khan of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1445) of Kay Khan and others relative to the regulation of animal shelters. Municipalities and Regional Government.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *3704* OF 2009-2010.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to the regulation of animal shelters.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

To Amend Chapter 129 of the General Laws by inserting the following:

Section 39E: Animal Shelters and Rescue (rehoming) Organizations

SECTION 1. Definitions:

"Shelter" – Any 501 (c)3 organization or other IRS not for profit status organization that finds homes for unowned animals.

"Rescue Organization" – A 501 (c)3 organization or other IRS not for profit status organization other than a shelter as defined in this act that arranges for transfer of unowned dogs and cats to temporary or permanent homes in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

"Department" – Department of Agricultural Resources

10 SECTION 2: The Department may promulgate rules and regulations for the operation of

11 shelter and rescue organizations operating or conducting business in the Commonwealth of

12 Massachusetts regarding the transfer of ownership of domestic animals, including but not

13 limited to their importation, transportation, housing and medical treatment.