

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 456

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Peter J. Koutoujian***

*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 to include animals in abuse prevention orders..

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                      | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:     | DATE ADDED:     |
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| <i>Peter J. Koutoujian</i> | <i>10th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/6/2011</i> |

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By Mr. Koutoujian of Waltham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 456) of Peter J. Koutoujian for legislation to include animals in abuse prevention orders. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1499 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven  
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An Act to include animals in abuse prevention orders..

*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 3 of Chapter 209A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006  
2   Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "minor" in line 6 the following  
3   words:-  
  
4           ; ordering the possession, care and control of any animal owned, possessed, leased, kept,  
5   or held by either party or a minor child residing in the household to the plaintiff. The court may  
6   order the defendant to refrain from abusing, threatening, taking, interfering with, transferring,  
7   encumbering, concealing, harming, or otherwise disposing of the animal;