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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul R. Heroux

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 increase the fine for harming a police dog or horse.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Paul R. Heroux	*2nd Bristol*
Christine E. Canavan	*10th Plymouth*
James M. Cantwell	*4th Plymouth*
James J. Dwyer	*30th Middlesex*
Sean Garballey	*23rd Middlesex*
Aaron Vega	*5th Hampden*
Peter J. Durant	*6th Worcester*

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By Mr. Heroux of Attleboro, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul R. Heroux and others relative to increasing the fine for harming police dogs or horses. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act to increase the fine for harming a police dog or horse.

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

Chapter 272 Section 77A. Strike Section 77A and replace it with the following:

Whoever willfully tortures, torments, beats, kicks, strikes, mutilates, injures, disables or otherwise mistreats, a dog or horse owned by a police department or police agency of the commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions or whoever, willfully by any action whatsoever, interferes with the lawful performance of such dog or horse shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars and not more than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment for not more than two and one-half years or both. Persons violating this section may be arrested without a warrant by any officer qualified to serve criminal process provided said offense is committed in his or her presence.