

**SENATE . . . . . No. 969**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Michael F. Rush***

*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 dangerous dogs in cities and towns.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>
<i>Mayor Thomas Menino</i>	<i>Boston City Hall One City Hall Square Boston, MA 02201</i>
<i>Carlo Basile</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>

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By Mr. Rush, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 969) of Michael F. Rush, Mayor Thomas Menino and Carlo Basile for legislation relative to dangerous dogs in cities and towns. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to dangerous dogs in cities and towns.

*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. Subsection (a) of section 157 of chapter 140 of the General Laws,  
2 as appearing in section 32 of chapter 193 of the acts of 2012, is hereby amended by inserting in  
3 the first paragraph, in clause (ii), after the word “dog”, the following words:- unless municipal  
4 attack data indicates a specific breed may be deemed dangerous.

5                   SECTION 2. Subsection (c) of section 157 of said chapter 140 of the General  
6 Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting in the last paragraph, after the word  
7 “breed”, the following sentence:-

8                   Unless a city or town deems a specific breed to be deemed dangerous through analysis of  
9 municipal attack data and by a majority vote of the city council with the approval of the mayor,  
10 in the case of a city with a Plan A, Plan B, or Plan F charter; by a majority vote of the city  
11 council, in the case of a city with a Plan C, Plan D, or Plan E charter; by a majority vote of the  
12 annual town meeting or a special meeting called for the purpose, in the case of a municipality  
13 with a town meeting form of government; or by a majority vote of the town council, in the case  
14 of a municipality with a town council form of government.