

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1367**

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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:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>1/12/2015</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/28/2015</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/21/2015</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>1/23/2015</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2015</i>

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By Mr. Heroux of Attleboro, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1367) of Paul R. Heroux and others relative to increasing the fine for harming police dogs or horses. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3748 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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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:*

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

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