

HOUSE No. 3273

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Nick Collins

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 cremation of pets.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/24/2020</i>
<i>Bill Trabucco</i>	<i>28 Rawson Street, Dorchester, MA 02125</i>	<i>1/16/2015</i>

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By Mr. Collins of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3273) of Bill Trabucco and Nick Collins for legislation to require that persons providing cremation services for non-human animal remains be registered with the Department of Public Health. Public Health.

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

An Act relative to the cremation of pets.

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 114 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 52. (a) The department of public health shall establish a mandatory registration
3 program for any person who holds himself or herself out as providing cremation services for
4 non-human animal remains, hereinafter referred to as a pet crematorium. No pet crematorium
5 shall provide cremation services without first receiving a registration from the department.

6 (b) A pet crematorium shall maintain digital video footage of each individual animal
7 cremation. Such footage shall allow for the clear identification of the animal remains
8 immediately prior to their being subject to cremation and include a clear, uninterrupted image of
9 the removal of the remains immediately following the cremation. The footage shall include a
10 date and time stamp and must be confidentially maintained by the pet crematorium for no less
11 than 2 years from the date of the cremation.

12 (c) A violation of subsection (b) shall be punishable by a fine of no more than \$10,000,
13 imprisonment in the house of correction for no more than 1 year, or both such fine and
14 imprisonment. Each cremation in violation of subsection (b) shall be considered a separate
15 violation.