HOUSE No. 3446

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Brian R. Mannal

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 criminalize animal abuse in the presence of children.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Brian R. Mannal	2nd Barnstable	1/16/2015

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By Mr. Mannal of Barnstable, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3446) of Brian R. Mannal relative to the crime of animal abuse in the presence of a child. The Judiciary.

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

An Act to criminalize animal abuse in the presence of children.

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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 77 of chapter 272 of the General Laws, as amended by section 3 of chapter 293

of the acts of 2014, is hereby further amended by inserting after the words "\$10,000 or by both

such fine and imprisonment", as appearing in said section 3 of said chapter 293, the following

4 words:-; and provided further that whoever commits such an offense in the presence of a person

5 under the age of 14 shall be punished by imprisonment in state prison for not more than 10 years

or by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or by both such fine and imprisonment.