

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1092**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Mark C. Montigny***

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*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 tethering of dogs.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Mark C. Montigny*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Second Bristol and Plymouth*

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By Mr. Montigny, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1092) of Mark C. Montigny for legislation relative to tethering of dogs. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 957 OF 2013-2014.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to tethering of dogs.

*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. Section 174E of chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in section  
2 48 of chapter 193 of the acts of 2012, is hereby amended by striking out, in section (a), the words  
3 “24 consecutive hours,” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - “5 hours in a 24  
4 hour period.”

5           SECTION 2. Said section 174E of chapter 140 of the General Laws, is hereby amended  
6 by striking out, in section (d), the words “24 consecutive hours,” and inserting in place thereof  
7 the following words: - “5 hours in a 24 hour period.”

8           SECTION 3. Said section 174E of chapter 140 of the General Laws, is hereby amended  
9 by striking out, in section (g), the words “for a second offense, be punished by a fine of not more  
10 than \$100 and for a third or subsequent offense, be punished by a fine of not more than \$300,”

11 and inserting in place thereof the following words: - “for a second offense, be punished by a fine  
12 of not more than \$200 and for a third or subsequent offense, be punished by a fine of not more  
13 than \$500.”.