

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 407**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***James M. Cantwell and Hannah Kane***

*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 protecting dogs at boarding kennels and daycare facilities.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/19/2017</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>1/19/2017</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>1/27/2017</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Natalie Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>	<i>1/27/2017</i>



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By Representatives Cantwell of Marshfield and Kane of Shrewsbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 407) of James M. Cantwell , Hannah Kane and others relative to rules and regulations governing boarding kennels and daycare facilities for dogs. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act protecting dogs at boarding kennels and daycare facilities.

*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 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by adding after Section 174F, the following new section:-

3 174G. The Department shall promulgate rules and regulations for boarding kennels and  
4 daycare facilities for dogs, including home-based kennels and daycare facilities, including, but  
5 not limited to staff qualifications and development, provider/dog ratios and interaction, group  
6 sizes and supervision, minimum housing and care requirements, indoor and outdoor physical  
7 facility requirements, utilities, dog handling, body language interpretation, breed familiarity,  
8 emergency response training, insurance, and penalties for violation thereof.