

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4321**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Paul A. Schmid, III and Michael J. Rodrigues***

*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 requiring annual training for municipal animal inspectors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>	<i>2/8/2018</i>
<i>Michael J. Rodrigues</i>	<i>First Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>2/8/2018</i>

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By Representative Schmid of Westport and Senator Rodrigues, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul A. Schmid, III and Michael J. Rodrigues that the Director of Animal Health be authorized to require annual training for municipal animal inspectors. 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 requiring annual training for municipal animal inspectors.

*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 18 of chapter 129 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3           The director shall establish mandatory annual training programs for all municipal animal  
4 inspectors. Such training shall be designed to ensure that inspections are conducted on a  
5 consistent basis and that inspectors are educated on matters including but not limited to animal  
6 welfare, nutrition, neglect, and abuse. Every municipal animal inspector shall annually complete  
7 such training.