

SENATE No. 406

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Harriette L. Chandler

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:	
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>	
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/15/2017</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>1/27/2017</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>James E. Timilty</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/24/2017</i>
<i>Natalie Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>3/27/2017</i>

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By Ms. Chandler, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 406) of Harriette L. Chandler, James M. Cantwell, Jason M. Lewis, Lori A. Ehrlich and other members of the General Court for legislation to protect dogs at boarding kennels and daycare facilities. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)

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.