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

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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.