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SENATE . . . . . No. 470

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patrick M. O'Connor

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 banning the sale of cats and dogs in commercial pet shops.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
Patrick M. O'Connor	*Plymouth and Norfolk*	
Sheila C. Harrington	*1st Middlesex*	*1/26/2017*
Jason M. Lewis	*Fifth Middlesex*	*2/1/2017*
Josh S. Cutler	*6th Plymouth*	*2/1/2017*
James M. Cantwell	*4th Plymouth*	*2/2/2017*
Danielle W. Gregoire	*4th Middlesex*	*2/2/2017*
Daniel J. Hunt	*13th Suffolk*	*2/2/2017*
James M. Murphy	*4th Norfolk*	*2/2/2017*
David F. DeCoste	*5th Plymouth*	*2/2/2017*
Susan Williams Gifford	*2nd Plymouth*	*2/3/2017*
Kevin J. Kuros	*8th Worcester*	*2/3/2017*
Carmine L. Gentile	*13th Middlesex*	*2/3/2017*
Marjorie C. Decker	*25th Middlesex*	*2/3/2017*
Kate Hogan	*3rd Middlesex*	*2/3/2017*
William C. Galvin	*6th Norfolk*	*2/3/2017*
Chris Walsh	*6th Middlesex*	*2/3/2017*
Natalie Higgins	*4th Worcester*	*2/9/2017*
Jack Lewis	*7th Middlesex*	*2/9/2017*

Jennifer L. Flanagan	*Worcester and Middlesex*	*2/9/2017*
Mark C. Montigny	*Second Bristol and Plymouth*	*2/22/2017*
Carole A. Fiola	*6th Bristol*	*3/15/2017*
William N. Brownsberger	*Second Suffolk and Middlesex*	*3/24/2017*
Joan B. Lovely	*Second Essex*	*5/4/2017*
James Arciero	*2nd Middlesex*	*9/19/2017*
John F. Keenan	*Norfolk and Plymouth*	*11/29/2017*
Bruce E. Tarr	*First Essex and Middlesex*	*1/19/2018*
James B. Eldridge	*Middlesex and Worcester*	*1/19/2018*
Ryan C. Fattman	*Worcester and Norfolk*	*1/24/2018*
Adrian Madaro	*1st Suffolk*	*1/25/2018*
José F. Tosado	*9th Hampden*	*1/31/2018*

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By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 470) of Patrick M. O'Connor, Sheila C. Harrington, Jason M. Lewis, Josh S. Cutler and other members of the General Court banning the sale of cats and dogs in commercial pet shops. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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

An Act banning the sale of cats and dogs in commercial pet shops.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 39A of chapter 129 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking the first paragraph and replacing it with the following new paragraphs:-

1. Prohibition of sale in pet shops. Except as provided in subsection 2, a pet shop may not sell, deliver, offer for sale, barter, auction or otherwise dispose of a cat or dog.

2. Exceptions. The following are exceptions to the provisions of subsection 1:

(a) A public or private charitable nonprofit animal shelter, humane society or animal rescue organization;

(b) A pet shop offering a cat or dog owned by an entity in paragraph A for purposes of adoption of the cat or dog by a member of the public; or

(c) A pet shop offering for sale a cat or dog that was born and raised by the owner of the pet shop in a separate facility.

3. Penalties. A person who violates this section commits a civil violation for which a fine of $2,500 is adjudged.