

SENATE No. 533

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Anne M. Gobi

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 concerning the use of certain insurance underwriting guidelines pertaining to dogs harbored upon the insured property.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/19/2017</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/24/2017</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>

<i>Dylan Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Brian Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>2/8/2017</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/13/2017</i>

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By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 533) of Anne M. Gobi, Jack Lewis, Angelo L. D'Emilia, John W. Scibak and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the use of certain insurance underwriting guidelines for homeowners with dogs living on such insured property. Financial Services.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 501 OF 2015-2016.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**
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An Act concerning the use of certain insurance underwriting guidelines pertaining to dogs harbored upon the insured property.

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 1. Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 227 the following section:-

3 Section 228. No insurance company offering homeowners insurance coverage or renters
4 insurance coverage in Massachusetts issuing a policy or contract insuring against liability for
5 injury to any person or injury to or destruction of property arising out of ownership or lease of
6 residential property shall refuse to issue or renew, cancel or charge or impose an increased
7 premium or rate of such a policy or contract based in whole or in part, upon the harboring of any
8 specific breed or breeds of dog upon such real property.

9 If any such dog has been designated as a dangerous dog pursuant to current statutes, the
10 provisions in this section shall in no manner prohibit an insurer from refusing to issue or renew
11 or from canceling any such contract or policy, nor from imposing an increased premium or rate
12 for such a policy or contract.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on the 60th day after enactment.