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HOUSE . . . . . No. 3772

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tram T. Nguyen

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 relative to protecting animals from abusers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Tram T. Nguyen	*18th Essex*	*1/17/2019*
Bruce J. Ayers	*1st Norfolk*	*2/1/2019*
Ruth B. Balser	*12th Middlesex*	*1/25/2019*
John Barrett, III	*1st Berkshire*	*5/2/2019*
Paul Brodeur	*32nd Middlesex*	*5/3/2019*
Nika C. Elugardo	*15th Suffolk*	*1/30/2019*
Colleen M. Garry	*36th Middlesex*	*1/30/2019*
James K. Hawkins	*2nd Bristol*	*2/2/2019*
Louis L. Kafka	*8th Norfolk*	*5/2/2019*
Jack Patrick Lewis	*7th Middlesex*	*5/6/2019*
Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.	*28th Middlesex*	*1/31/2019*
Frank A. Moran	*17th Essex*	*1/23/2019*
Brian W. Murray	*10th Worcester*	*1/29/2019*
Patrick M. O'Connor	*Plymouth and Norfolk*	*5/2/2019*
David Allen Robertson	*19th Middlesex*	*2/1/2019*
Lindsay N. Sabadosa	*1st Hampshire*	*5/2/2019*
Bruce E. Tarr	*First Essex and Middlesex*	*2/1/2019*
José F. Tosado	*9th Hampden*	*1/28/2019*

Tommy Vitolo	*15th Norfolk*	*5/2/2019*
Lori A. Ehrlich	*8th Essex*	*5/6/2019*
Bradford Hill	*4th Essex*	*5/6/2019*
Kenneth I. Gordon	*21st Middlesex*	*5/7/2019*
Joanne M. Comerford	*Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester*	*5/7/2019*

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By Ms. Nguyen of Andover, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3772) of Tram T. Nguyen and others relative to penalties for cruelty to animals. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)

An Act relative to protecting animals from abusers.

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

Section 77 of chapter 272 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:- A person convicted of a violation of section 77, 77A, 77C, 80 ½, 94 or 95 shall not harbor, own, possess, exercise control over, adopt, or foster an animal for any length of time that the court deems reasonable for the protection of all animals; provided, however, that the length of time shall not be less than 5 years after the person's release from custody.

Any person found in violation of an order incorporating the provisions of this section may, in addition to any other punishment provided by law, be fined in an amount not exceeding $1,000 for each animal held in unlawful ownership or possession. Any animal involved in a violation described in this section shall be forfeited to the State.