

HOUSE No. 812

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Hannah Kane

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>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Alyson M. Sullivan</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>

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By Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 812) of Hannah Kane and others for legislation to regulate boarding kennels and daycare facilities for dogs. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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

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 2016 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 to dog ratios, group sizes and supervision, minimum housing and care
6 requirements, indoor and outdoor physical facility requirements, dog handling, insurance, and
7 penalties for violation thereof.