

**SENATE . . . . . No. 135**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Diana DiZoglio***

*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 the online advertising of pet care services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Diana DiZoglio*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Essex*

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By Ms. DiZoglio, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 135) of Diana DiZoglio for legislation relative to the online advertising of pet care services. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4465 OF 2017-2018.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)  
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An Act relative to the online advertising of pet care services.

*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 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
2 section 174F the following section:-

3 Section 174G. Any website that advertises persons for hire to provide pet care services in  
4 the commonwealth shall state, on the website and in a manner easily accessible to the public,  
5 that:-

6 (a) persons listed for hire are not necessarily accredited or certified pet care professionals;

7 (b) persons listed for hire are not employed by the website;

8 (c) individuals who hire persons listed on the website to provide pet care services do so at  
9 their own risk; and

10 (d) a person who: (i) is a full or part-year resident of the commonwealth whose  
11 Massachusetts gross income is \$8,000 or more must file a Massachusetts personal income tax  
12 return; or (ii) is a nonresident of the commonwealth but whose Massachusetts gross income is  
13 more than either \$8,000 or the prorated personal exemption , whichever is less, must file a  
14 Massachusetts personal income tax return.