SENATE DOCKET, NO. 976 FILED ON: 1/16/2019

SENATE . . . . . No. 595

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:	
Anne M. Gobi	*Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex*	
David Paul Linsky	*5th Middlesex*	*1/28/2019*
Diana DiZoglio	*First Essex*	*1/28/2019*
Maria Duaime Robinson	*6th Middlesex*	*1/28/2019*
Brian W. Murray	*10th Worcester*	*1/28/2019*
Patrick M. O'Connor	*Plymouth and Norfolk*	*1/28/2019*
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	*12th Hampden*	*1/28/2019*
Michael J. Soter	*8th Worcester*	*1/28/2019*
Mathew J. Muratore	*1st Plymouth*	*1/28/2019*
Steven Ultrino	*33rd Middlesex*	*1/28/2019*
James T. Welch	*Hampden*	*1/28/2019*
Tommy Vitolo	*15th Norfolk*	*1/28/2019*
Thomas M. Stanley	*9th Middlesex*	*1/28/2019*
Carole A. Fiola	*6th Bristol*	*1/28/2019*
Denise Provost	*27th Middlesex*	*1/28/2019*
William L. Crocker, Jr.	*2nd Barnstable*	*1/28/2019*

Peter Capano	*11th Essex*	*1/29/2019*
Bruce E. Tarr	*First Essex and Middlesex*	*1/30/2019*
Mike Connolly	*26th Middlesex*	*1/30/2019*
Dean A. Tran	*Worcester and Middlesex*	*1/31/2019*
Brendan P. Crighton	*Third Essex*	*1/31/2019*
Joanne M. Comerford	*Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester*	*1/31/2019*
Colleen M. Garry	*36th Middlesex*	*2/1/2019*
David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf	*17th Worcester*	*2/1/2019*
Lori A. Ehrlich	*8th Essex*	*2/1/2019*
Sal N. DiDomenico	*Middlesex and Suffolk*	*2/1/2019*
Michael O. Moore	*Second Worcester*	*2/1/2019*
Steven S. Howitt	*4th Bristol*	*2/1/2019*
Michelle L. Ciccolo	*15th Middlesex*	*2/1/2019*
Mark C. Montigny	*Second Bristol and Plymouth*	*2/1/2019*
Bradford Hill	*4th Essex*	*2/1/2019*
Natalie M. Higgins	*4th Worcester*	*2/1/2019*
Julian Cyr	*Cape and Islands*	*2/1/2019*
Marc R. Pacheco	*First Plymouth and Bristol*	*2/1/2019*
Jack Patrick Lewis	*7th Middlesex*	*2/1/2019*
Cindy F. Friedman	*Fourth Middlesex*	*2/1/2019*
John H. Rogers	*12th Norfolk*	*2/1/2019*
Jennifer E. Benson	*37th Middlesex*	*2/1/2019*
Susannah M. Whipps	*2nd Franklin*	*2/1/2019*
Tami L. Gouveia	*14th Middlesex*	*2/4/2019*
Carolyn C. Dykema	*8th Middlesex*	*2/4/2019*
James K. Hawkins	*2nd Bristol*	*2/6/2019*
Jason M. Lewis	*Fifth Middlesex*	*2/13/2019*
William N. Brownsberger	*Second Suffolk and Middlesex*	*2/14/2019*

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By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 595) of Anne M. Gobi, David Paul Linsky, Diana DiZoglio, Maria Duaime Robinson 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. *533* OF 2017-2018.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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:

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

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

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

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