

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 987**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Alice Hanlon Peisch*

*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 regulating the sale and purchase of horses.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>

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By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 987) of Alice Hanlon Peisch relative to regulating the sale and purchase of horses. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act regulating the sale and purchase of horses.

*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 45 of chapter 129 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting the following new section at the end thereof :-

3           Section 45A. The Department of Agricultural Resources in conjunction with the Attorney  
4 General shall examine the conditions surrounding the sale and purchase of horses and shall adopt  
5 regulations to prevent unfair or deceptive trade practices. The department shall promulgate  
6 regulations ensuring the consumer is protected in the purchase of a horse. Said regulations shall  
7 include, at least; the disclosure of the legal owner and buyer of the horse and any dual agency to  
8 the buyer and seller; the disclosure of relevant medical conditions, defects, and surgeries; the  
9 conduct or alterations that could affect the performance of a horse; and the need for a written bill  
10 of sale.