

SENATE No. 550

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 relative to heartworm in dogs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Anne M. Gobi

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex

SENATE No. 550

By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 550) of Anne M. Gobi for legislation relative to heartworm in dogs. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to heartworm in dogs.

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: The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (the Department)
2 shall adopt best practices as put forth by the American Heartworm Association, specifically
3 relative to the transport and acceptance into the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with any stage
4 of dirofilariasis, also known as heartworm or dog heartworm.