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HOUSE . . . . . No. 257

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Daniel R. Carey

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 equine dentistry.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Daniel R. Carey	*2nd Hampshire*	*1/19/2023*

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By Representative Carey of Easthampton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 257) of Daniel R. Carey relative to equine dentistry. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)

An Act relative to equine dentistry.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 58 of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following paragraph:

10. The floating of teeth or removal of deciduous caps or erupted, non-displaced wolf teeth in horses by a licensed equine dental practitioner, as defined in Section 54A of this chapter. For the purposes of this section, “floating teeth” means the application or use of any instrument, device, or scaler to any portion of the horse’s tooth to reduce or eliminate calculus, soft deposits, plaque, or the removal of enamel points and the smoothing, contouring, filing and scaling of tooth surfaces as well as removal of deciduous caps but does not include treating decay, tumors, or other procedures that invade the soft tissue in the mouth. It shall not include dental procedures on canines and felines, nor shall controlled substances be used except by and on the order of a licensed veterinarian, as provided by state and federal law.