

HOUSE No. 878

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>1/20/2023</i>

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By Representative Peisch of Wellesley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 878) of Alice Hanlon Peisch relative to regulating the sale and purchase of horses. Environment and Natural Resources.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 987 OF 2021-2022.]

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

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.