

SENATE No. 497

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 and Hampshire

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By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 497) of Anne M. Gobi for legislation relative to heartworm in dogs. Environment and Natural Resources.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 550 OF 2021-2022.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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.