

HOUSE No. 1938

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.

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 enhancing the issuance of citations for cruel conditions for animals.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>1/13/2025</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/31/2025</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2025</i>
<i>Samantha Montaño</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/4/2025</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/6/2025</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/6/2025</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/7/2025</i>
<i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i>	<i>Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester</i>	<i>2/7/2025</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/10/2025</i>
<i>Tara T. Hong</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/10/2025</i>
<i>Manny Cruz</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>2/10/2025</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>2/10/2025</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/18/2025</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/18/2025</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/19/2025</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/21/2025</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>2/27/2025</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/27/2025</i>

<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/27/2025</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/3/2025</i>
<i>Adam J. Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>3/4/2025</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>3/11/2025</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>3/17/2025</i>
<i>Paul J. Donato</i>	<i>35th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/18/2025</i>
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>3/27/2025</i>
<i>Margaret R. Scarsdale</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>4/8/2025</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/10/2025</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>4/23/2025</i>
<i>Homar Gómez</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>4/28/2025</i>
<i>William F. MacGregor</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>	<i>4/29/2025</i>
<i>Michael P. Kushmerek</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>6/18/2025</i>
<i>Rodney M. Elliott</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>	<i>6/25/2025</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>8/5/2025</i>
<i>Erika Uytterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>11/4/2025</i>

HOUSE No. 1938

By Representative Puppolo of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1938) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., and others relative to enhancing the issuance of citations for cruel conditions for animals. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act enhancing the issuance of citations for cruel conditions for animals.

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. Section 174E of chapter 140, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
2 striking out in subparts (f) and (g) each instance of the word “dog” and inserting in place thereof
3 the following word:- “animal”

4 SECTION 2. Section 174E of chapter 140, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
5 striking out in subparts (f) each instance of the words “a dog” and inserting in place thereof the
6 following words:- “an animal”

7 SECTION 3. Said section 174E of chapter 140 is further amended by inserting after the
8 subpart (i) the following subpart:-

9 (j) The commissioner of the department of agricultural resources shall, in consultation
10 with the Animal Control Officers Association of Massachusetts, Massachusetts Society for the
11 Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Animal Rescue League of Boston, promulgate
12 regulations to implement, enforce, and administer subparts (f) and (g).