

HOUSE No. 2319

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James J. O'Day

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 to protect animal health.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>

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By Representative O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2319) of James J. O'Day relative to animal health. Municipalities and Regional Government.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act to protect animal health.

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. Chapter 129 of the general laws is hereby amended in section 27 by adding
2 at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

3 Each entity that is not otherwise required to be licensed under M.G.L. c. 129, §§ 39, 39A,
4 or 45, or under M.G.L. c. 94, § 152A, and whose primary activity is the placement of abandoned,
5 displaced, unwanted, neglected or abused animals and is exempt from taxation under § 501(c)(3)
6 of the federal Internal Revenue Code, or equivalent nonprofit designation under such Code, shall
7 report to the director on an annual basis the number of dogs and cats brought into the state during
8 the prior year by such entity and the state or country of origin for each such animal including, but
9 not limited to identification of the origination source and transporter. Such report shall be on a
10 form as prescribed by the director.