

**HOUSE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

*Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.*

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*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.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>1/2/2025</i>

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**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).