

**SENATE . . . . . No. 639**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Mark C. Montigny***

*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 provide additional funding for animal welfare and safety programming.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>	
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>3/19/2025</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>3/20/2025</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>4/23/2025</i>
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	<i>4/28/2025</i>
<i>Rodney M. Elliott</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>	<i>6/24/2025</i>

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By Mr. Montigny, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 639) of Mark C. Montigny for legislation to provide additional funding for animal welfare and safety programming. Environment and Natural Resources.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 533 OF 2023-2024.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act to provide additional funding for animal welfare and safety programming.

*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 35WW of chapter 10 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
2   Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting in line 9 after the words “chapter 140” the  
3   following words:- “or other measures to improve animal health and welfare as the commissioner  
4   may determine, with majority support from the advisory committee established in chapter 193 of  
5   the acts of 2012”.

6           SECTION 2. Section 35WW of chapter 10 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
7   Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the figure “62”, in line 17, the following  
8   words:- , fines collected pursuant to section 37 of chapter 129

9           SECTION 3. Section 37 of chapter 129 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
10 amended by inserting after the fourth sentence the following sentence:- A fine assessed under  
11 this section shall be deposited into the Homeless Animal Prevention and Care Fund established  
12 in section 35WW of chapter 10.