

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 promoting pet safety aka Crawford's Law.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Bruce E. Tarr

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Essex and Middlesex

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1126 OF 2023-2024.]

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

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 272 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 77C the following section 77D:-

3 (a) A person who by willful, wanton, reckless, or negligent act causes the unnecessary or
4 unjustified death of a cat or dog shall be liable in damages for the fair monetary value of the
5 deceased animal to the owner of the animal, including, but not limited to, damages for the loss of
6 comfort, protection, companionship, other special damages, services of the deceased animal to its
7 owner; reasonable afterlife expenses of the deceased animal; court costs and attorney's fees; and
8 other reasonable damages resulting from the willful, wanton, reckless, or negligent act. Non-
9 economic damages shall have a cap value of \$30,000.00

10 (b) Damages under this section for unnecessary or unjustified death sustained by an
11 animal shall be recovered in an action of tort by the aggrieved, commenced within three years

- 12 from the date, of death or from the date when the aggrieved knew, or in the exercise of
- 13 reasonable diligence, should have known, of the factual basis for a claim of relief