

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Rebecca L. Rausch***

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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 relative to non-compete agreements for veterinarians.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Rebecca L. Rausch*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex*

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1218 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 relative to non-compete agreements for veterinarians.

*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 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by adding the following section:-

3 Section 59B. Any contract or agreement which creates or establishes the terms of a  
4 partnership, employment, or any other form of professional relationship with a veterinarian  
5 registered to practice veterinary medicine pursuant to section 55 of this chapter, which includes  
6 any restriction of the right of such veterinarian to practice veterinary medicine in any geographic  
7 area for any period of time after the termination of such partnership, employment or professional  
8 relationship shall be void and unenforceable with respect to said restriction; provided, however,  
9 that nothing herein shall render void or unenforceable the remaining provisions of any such  
10 contract or agreement.