

## Joint Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries

### Bill Summary

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<b>Bill Number:</b>	H.138
<b>Title:</b>	An Act relative to the definition of livestock
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Representative Scanlon of North Attleborough
<b>Cosponsors:</b>	Representatives Hawkins of Attleboro, Ashe of Longmeadow, Howard of Lowell, LeBoeuf of Worcester, Sena of Acton, and Arena-DeRosa of Holliston; Senator Moore
<b>Hearing Date:</b>	Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 10:00 PM - 01:00 PM, B-1
<b>Reporting Date:</b>	Saturday, November 15th, 2025
<b>Similar Matters:</b>	None

#### Prior History

2023-2024: Filed as H.95; Referred to the Joint Committee on Agriculture; Accompanied a new draft H.4387; Reported favorably to the House Committee on Ways and Means where no further action was taken.

#### Current Law

Chapter 128 of the Massachusetts General Laws relates to agriculture. Section 1A of chapter 128 defines the terms “farming” and “agriculture.”

#### Summary

This bill changes the definition of "livestock" to explicitly exclude the breeding of dogs or cats, raising dogs or cats for commercial purposes, or the commercial grooming of dogs or cats.