

HOUSE No. 407

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James M. Cantwell and Hannah Kane

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 protecting dogs at boarding kennels and daycare facilities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Natalie Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>

Chris Walsh

6th Middlesex

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By Representatives Cantwell of Marshfield and Kane of Shrewsbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 407) of James M. Cantwell and others relative to rules and regulations governing boarding kennels and daycare facilities for dogs. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act protecting dogs at boarding kennels and daycare facilities.

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 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by adding after Section 174F, the following new section:-

3 174G. The Department shall promulgate rules and regulations for boarding kennels and
4 daycare facilities for dogs, including home-based kennels and daycare facilities, including, but
5 not limited to staff qualifications and development, provider/dog ratios and interaction, group
6 sizes and supervision, minimum housing and care requirements, indoor and outdoor physical
7 facility requirements, utilities, dog handling, body language interpretation, breed familiarity,
8 emergency response training, insurance, and penalties for violation thereof.