



**OPPOSE SB114 – An Act Protecting the Health & Safety of Puppies & Kittens in Cities & Towns — Sen. Harriet Chandler (D)**

**OPPOSE HB1774 – An Act Protecting the Health & Safety of Puppies & Kittens in Cities & Towns — Rep. Linda Campbell (D)**

Referred to Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government

**WHAT THESE BILLS DO:**

Requires the state agriculture department to write rules for boarding and daycare kennels (duplicating the proposed bills SB510 HB812). It also requires the department to write regulations to license dog and cat breeding, whether at commercial facilities or personal kennels and catteries. Anyone who owns five or more intact females “kept for breeding to sell the offspring as pets” would need to get a license, which would be administered by each town. Licensing would require at least annual inspections (surprise inspections allowed but not required). The town would decide the maximum number of dogs for each kennel owner. These bills recommend that the rules be based on AVMA’s model commercial breeder regulations, but also dictate their own list of subjects to be addressed, such as temperature, prohibition on the stacking of cages, solid flooring, nutrition, exercise, grooming, staffing, handling, socialization, veterinary care, exercise, record-keeping, and reporting sales to the town. It prohibits sale of puppies or kittens under eight weeks old. Sales are also prohibited on roadsides, parks, flea markets or parking lots, but shelters are exempt from that rule, as are educational exhibitions and competitions such as fairs and 4-H.

**WHY YOU SHOULD OPPOSE THESE BILLS:**

These bills treat the small, conscientious breeders of a few dogs in their homes as a threat, but exempt the largest source of pets in our state, the shelters and rescues that are importing from all over the world thousands of dogs and cats, a high percentage of which turn out to be sick. There is a shortage of local pets available in Massachusetts, and most of the pets available are out-of-state or foreign “rescues.” So the real effect of the bill is not to protect the public or our current dog population, but to harm them by discouraging local breeders. Applying AVMA and other regulations to home breeders would essentially prevent most of them from continuing to breed because the rules are designed only for high-volume pet retailers, not small home breeders. Current state laws exempt from licensing “personal kennels” with five or more dogs if breeding is “for the purpose of improving, exhibiting or showing the breed or for use in legal sporting activity or for other personal reasons.” This bill would negate that law. Thus it would be harder for the public to find healthy pets bred locally, where the public can visit and see with their own eyes the quality of their prospective pets’ upbringing. Instead, the public would be forced to buy most of their pets from invisible outside sources that bring in inadequately vetted pets to mingle with our existing pet population.

The issue of regulating boarding kennels and daycare is already addressed by two other bills, S.510 and H.812, so there is no need for that provision, which is best debated separately. Other problems with these bills are they require a lot of extra work by the MDAR but provide no money for it, and also dictate a lot of the content of the new rules without letting the department, which has the most experience in these matters, design the rules itself. In addition, a state-required, town-administered kennel license adds another layer of paperwork and inspection to commercial breeders who are already required to have licenses and inspections under the federal Animal Welfare Act, inevitably creating conflicts between the regulations.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

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**SENATE . . . . . No. 114**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Harriette L. Chandler***

*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 the health and safety of puppies and kittens in cities and towns.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>	
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>1/23/2019</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>1/25/2019</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>1/25/2019</i>
<i>James T. Welch</i>	<i>Hampden</i>	<i>1/25/2019</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>2/2/2019</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/8/2019</i>

**SENATE . . . . . No. 114**

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By Ms. Chandler, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 114) of Harriette L. Chandler, Lori A. Ehrlich, Walter F. Timilty, Michael O. Moore and other members of the General Court for legislation to protect the health and safety of puppies and kittens in cities and towns. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act protecting the health and safety of puppies and kittens in cities and towns.

*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. Chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 141B the following section:-

3 Section 141C. (a) No person shall sell or offer for sale a puppy or kitten that is under 8  
4 weeks of age. A violation of this subsection shall be punished by a fine of \$100 for each puppy  
5 or kitten transferred.

6 SECTION 2. Chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby further amended by inserting  
7 after section 174F, the following section:-

8 Section 174G. The department shall promulgate rules and regulations for boarding  
9 kennels and daycare facilities for dogs and cats, including home-based kennels and catteries and  
10 daycare facilities, including, but not limited to staff to dog and cat ratios, group sizes and

11 supervision, minimum housing and care requirements, indoor and outdoor physical facility  
12 requirements, dog and cat handling, insurance, and penalties for violation thereof.

13         The department shall make rules and regulations for the maintenance and inspection of  
14 commercial breeder kennels or catteries and personal kennels or catteries in which not less than 5  
15 sexually-intact female dogs or cats are kept for the purpose of breeding the dogs or cats and sell  
16 the offspring as household pets. The rules and regulations shall ensure that the dogs, cats and  
17 offspring thereof: (i) have proper housing, which shall include requirements for adequate space,  
18 temperature, solid flooring and a prohibition on the stacking of cages, nutrition, hydration,  
19 behavioral requirements, grooming, staffing, handling, health and veterinary care, waste  
20 disposal, exercise, socialization and other general standards of care; (ii) are bred in accordance  
21 with responsible breeding practices; and (iii) have their housing regularly inspected to ensure  
22 that their kennels and catteries are maintained in accordance with this section.

23         In developing rules and regulations under this section, the department shall consider the  
24 recommended standards of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

25         The rules and regulations must be promulgated not more than 18 months after date of  
26 enactment.

27         SECTION 3. Section 136A of chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016  
28 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of “Attack” the following  
29 definition:-

30         “Cattery”, a pack or collection of cats on a single premises, including a commercial  
31 boarding or training cattery, a commercial breeder cattery, a domestic charitable corporation  
32 cattery, a personal cattery and a veterinary cattery.

33 SECTION 4. Said chapter 140 is hereby further amended by striking out section 137C,  
34 as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

35 Section 137C. (a) The mayor of a city, the selectmen of a town, the police commissioner  
36 in the city of Boston, a chief of police or an animal control officer shall inspect a kennel or  
37 cattery or cause the inspection of a kennel or cattery at least 1 time per year. If a person holding a  
38 license or applying for a license to operate a kennel or cattery refuses to allow an inspector to  
39 enter and inspect a kennel or cattery, the refusal shall be grounds for denial, suspension or  
40 revocation of a person's license to operate a kennel or cattery.

41 Twenty-five citizens of a city or town may file a petition with the mayor of a city, the  
42 selectmen of a town or the police commissioner in the city of Boston, as the case may be, stating  
43 that they are aggrieved or annoyed to an unreasonable extent that constitutes a nuisance by a dog  
44 or cat maintained in the city or town due to excessive barking or other conditions connected with  
45 a kennel or cattery. The mayor, selectmen or police commissioner, as the case may be, shall, not  
46 more than 7 days after the filing of the petition, give notice to all interested parties of a public  
47 hearing. The hearing shall be held not more than 14 days after the date of the notice. The mayor,  
48 selectmen or police commissioner shall, not more than 7 days after the public hearing,  
49 investigate or cause to be investigated the subject matter of the petition and shall, by order: (i)  
50 suspend the kennel or cattery license; (ii) revoke the kennel or cattery license; (iii) further  
51 regulate the kennel or cattery; or (iv) dismiss the petition.

52 (b) The inspection of a kennel or cattery to enforce the rules and regulations promulgated  
53 under section 174G may be done by the commissioner or an authorized inspector and shall take  
54 place between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. unless an alternate time is mutually agreed

55 upon by the inspector and the operator. The operator or an authorized agent of the operator shall  
56 be present during the inspection and the operator shall be given a reasonable notice prior to the  
57 inspection; provided, however, that the commissioner or other authorized inspector may  
58 determine that it is not appropriate to provide advance notice to the operator before arriving at  
59 the facility if necessary to adequately perform the inspection. If a kennel or cattery regulated  
60 under said section 174G is located at a private residence, only the areas of the residence that are  
61 used for kennel or cattery purposes or for the maintenance of kennel or cattery records shall be  
62 required to be available for inspection. If in the judgment of the commissioner or an authorized  
63 inspector a kennel or cattery is not being maintained in a sanitary and humane manner or if  
64 records have not been properly kept as required by law and in compliance with said section  
65 174G, the commissioner or authorized inspector shall, by order, suspend the license for the  
66 kennel or cattery depending on the severity of the offense or issue to the operator a written  
67 citation or notice which explains the noncompliant issue and requires the operator to come into  
68 compliance within a reasonable, specified timeframe. If the operator fails to come into  
69 compliance within the time period specified by the commissioner or authorized inspector, the  
70 commissioner or authorized inspector shall, by order, revoke the license for the kennel or cattery.

71 (c) A written notice under subsection (a) or (b) of an order revoking or suspending the  
72 license, further regulating the kennel or cattery or dismissing the petition shall be mailed  
73 immediately to the licensee and to the officer that issued the license. Not more than 10 days after  
74 the written notice of the order, the licensee may file a petition in the district court in the judicial  
75 district in which the kennel or cattery is maintained seeking review of the order. The decision of  
76 the court shall be final and conclusive upon the parties. A person maintaining a kennel or cattery  
77 after the license to maintain a kennel or cattery has been revoked or suspended shall be punished

78 by a fine of not more than \$250 for a first offense, by a fine of not less than \$500 for a second  
79 offense and by a fine of not more than \$1,500 for a third or subsequent offense.

80 SECTION 5. Section 137 of chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016  
81 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in subsection (c), the first and second  
82 sentence.

83 SECTION 6. Section 137 of chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby further amended  
84 by striking out, in line 19, the words “leather or other”

85 SECTION 7. Section 137 of chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby further amended  
86 by striking out, in subsection (c), the sixth sentence.

87 SECTION 8. Section 137A of chapter 140 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by  
88 striking out subsection (a), as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, and inserting in place  
89 thereof the following subsection:-

90 (a) A person keeping more than 4 dogs, 3 months old or older shall obtain a kennel  
91 license. The kennel license is in addition to the individual licenses for dogs over the age of 6  
92 months, as required in section 137. In the case of an applicant for initial licensure and in the case  
93 of an applicant for license renewal, a licensing authority shall deny a kennel license until a  
94 kennel has passed inspection by an animal control officer.

95 SECTION 9. Section 137A of chapter 140 of the General Laws, is hereby further  
96 amended by striking out, in subsection (b), the first through the fourth sentence.

97 SECTION 10. Section 137A of chapter 140 of the General Laws, is hereby further  
98 amended by striking out, in subsection (b), the sixth sentence.

99 SECTION 11. Section 137A of chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby further  
100 amended by inserting, after subsection (c), the following subsection:- (d) The licensing authority  
101 shall specify the maximum number of dogs that may be maintained by the licensee on the  
102 license. Such number shall be determined by the licensing authority and the animal control  
103 officer following the required inspection.

104 SECTION 12. Said chapter 140 is hereby further amended by striking section 137B, as  
105 appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

106 Section 137B. (a) Every holder of a kennel license, on delivering a dog to a purchaser or  
107 to any other person, shall record the name and address of such purchaser, the date of purchase,  
108 exchange or gift and a description of the dog. (b) The licensee shall retain such records for a  
109 period of 36 months.

110 (c) The licensee shall within 30 days of the date of purchase, exchange or gift send a copy  
111 of the record to: (i) the clerk in the city or town where the kennel license is held; and (ii) the  
112 licensing authority in the city or town where such purchaser resides.

113 SECTION 13. Chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
114 section 141C the following section:-

115 Section 141D. (a) No person shall sell, exchange, trade, barter, lease or display for  
116 commercial purposes any dog or cat on any roadside, public right-of-way, parkway, median,  
117 park or other recreation area, flea market or other outdoor market, or commercial or retail  
118 parking lot.

119           (b) This section shall not apply to: (1) the transfer of a dog or cat by, or to, a shelter,  
120 municipal animal control facility or animal rescue organization that is registered with the  
121 department, if required, and regardless of payment or compensation; or (2) the display of a dog  
122 or cat as part of a state or county fair exhibition, a 4-H program or similar exhibition or  
123 educational program.

124           (c) A person that violates this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50 for  
125 a first offense, a fine of not more than \$100 for a second offense and a fine of not more than  
126 \$300 for a third or subsequent offense. Each dog or cat sold in violation of this section shall  
127 constitute a separate offense.

128           (d) A city or town shall enforce this section through its animal control officers or police  
129 officers in a manner consistent with the disposition provisions in section 21D of chapter 40.

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1774**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Linda Dean Campbell***

*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:

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>
<i>Ann-Margaret Ferrante</i>	<i>5th Essex</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Gerard J. Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>
<i>John J. Mahoney</i>	<i>13th Worcester</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>

<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>
<i>Paul J. Donato</i>	<i>35th Middlesex</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Daniel R. Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>

<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>
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<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>David Biele</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
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**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1774**

By Mrs. Campbell of Methuen, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1774) of Linda Dean Campbell and others relative to oversight of dogs and cats by cities and towns. Municipalities and Regional Government.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**

An Act protecting the health and safety of puppies and kittens in cities and towns.

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2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in subsection (c), the first and second  
3 sentence.

4 SECTION 2. Section 137 of chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby further amended  
5 by striking out, in line 19, the words “leather or other”

6 SECTION 3. Section 137 of chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby further amended  
7 by striking out, in subsection (c), the sixth sentence.

8 SECTION 4. Section 137A of chapter 140 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by  
9 striking out subsection (a), as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, and inserting in place  
10 thereof the following subsection:-

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12 license. The kennel license is in addition to the individual licenses for dogs over the age of 6  
13 months, as required in section 137. In the case of an applicant for initial licensure and in the case  
14 of an applicant for license renewal, a licensing authority shall deny a kennel license until a  
15 kennel has passed inspection by an animal control officer.

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21 amended by inserting, after subsection (c), the following subsection:-

22 (d) The licensing authority shall specify the maximum number of dogs that may be  
23 maintained by the licensee on the license. Such number shall be determined by the licensing  
24 authority and the animal control officer following the required inspection.

25 SECTION 8. Said chapter 140 is hereby further amended by striking section 137B, as  
26 appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

27 Section 137B. (a) Every holder of a kennel license, on delivering a dog to a purchaser or  
28 to any other person, shall record the name and address of such purchaser, the date of purchase,  
29 exchange or gift and a description of the dog.

30 (b) The licensee shall retain such records for a period of 36 months.

31 (c) The licensee shall within 30 days of the date of purchase, exchange or gift send a copy  
32 of the record to: (i) the clerk in the city or town where the kennel license is held; and (ii) the  
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40 section 141C the following section:-

41 Section 141D. (a) No person shall sell, exchange, trade, barter, lease or display for  
42 commercial purposes any dog or cat on any roadside, public right-of-way, parkway, median,  
43 park or other recreation area, flea market or other outdoor market, or commercial or retail  
44 parking lot.

45 (b) This section shall not apply to: (1) the transfer of a dog or cat by, or to, a shelter,  
46 municipal animal control facility or animal rescue organization that is registered with the  
47 department , if required, and regardless of payment or compensation; or (2) the display of a dog  
48 or cat as part of a state or county fair exhibition, a 4-H program or similar exhibition or  
49 educational program.

50 (c) A person that violates this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50 for  
51 a first offense, a fine of not more than \$100 for a second offense and a fine of not more than

52 \$300 for a third or subsequent offense. Each dog or cat sold in violation of this section shall  
53 constitute a separate offense.

54 (d) A city or town shall enforce this section through its animal control officers or police  
55 officers in a manner consistent with the disposition provisions in section 21D of chapter 40.

56 SECTION 11. Chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby further amended by inserting  
57 after section 141D, the following section:-

58 Section 141E. The department shall promulgate rules and regulations for (i) boarding and  
59 daycare facilities for dogs and cats, including those that conduct overnight stays and home-based  
60 kennels; and (ii) commercial breeder kennels and personal kennels where dogs are used for the  
61 purpose of breeding and selling the offspring. Such rules and regulations shall include, but be not  
62 limited to, housing and care requirements; facility requirements; staff qualifications, if  
63 applicable; provider/animal ratios; socialization, including group sizes and supervision; animal  
64 handling; and emergency response protocols. The rules and regulations must be promulgated not  
65 more than 18 months after date of enactment.