



**SUPPORT SB501 - An Act to Provide Additional Funding for Animal Welfare
and Safety Programming – Sen. Mark C. Montigny (D)**

Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture

WHAT THIS BILL DOES:

Assigns fines collected by Agriculture Department for animal violations to the Homeless Animal Prevention and Care Fund.

WHY YOU SHOULD SUPPORT THIS BILL:

The key to this bill, assigning a specific use for fines the Agriculture Department collects for animal violations, is what the money will be spent on. The Homeless Animal Prevention and Care Fund helps low income people take care of their pets and also supports training of animal control officers. It is very underfunded and this bill would help.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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SENATE No. 501

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mark C. Montigny

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 to provide additional funding for animal welfare and safety programming.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>	
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

SENATE No. 501

By Mr. Montigny, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 501) of Mark C. Montigny and Linda Dean Campbell for legislation to provide additional funding for animal welfare and safety programming. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 457 OF 2017-2018.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act to provide additional funding for animal welfare and safety programming.

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. Section 37 of Chapter 129 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following words in line 10 after the figure
3 “\$10,000” :-

4 Such fines shall not revert to the General Fund and shall instead be deposited in the
5 Homeless Animal Prevention and Care Fund, as established by Section 35ww of Chapter 10 of
6 General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition; and shall be available for use in
7 subsequent fiscal years.