



**OPPOSE SB503 - An Act Requiring the Supervision of Animals at Day Care Services  
– Sen. Mark C. Montigny (D)**

Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture

**WHAT THIS BILL DOES:**

This bill creates a fourth section in the kennel license section of the dog laws ( Ch 140 sec 137A section 1 ) that will specify that any commercial boarding or training kennel that is actively used for day care services shall ensure continuous supervision of all animals on such premises and allows for inspections and license revocation as provided under Section 137C.

**WHY YOU SHOULD OPPOSE THIS BILL:**

The concept is good and we support the requirement for Day Care animals to be supported with continuous supervision. The Bill language needs to be cleaned up to be more specific ensuring that only those enrolled in the Day Care program part of the business require such supervision and that this does not change requirements for other animals on premises at other times of day as well as during day care hours.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

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**SENATE . . . . . No. 503**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Mark C. Montigny***

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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 requiring the supervision of animals at day care services.

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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>

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By Mr. Montigny, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 503) of Mark C. Montigny and Linda Dean Campbell for legislation to require the supervision of animals at day care services. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 461 OF 2017-2018.]

**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 requiring the supervision of animals at day care services.

*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 137A of Chapter 140 of the General Laws of 2016 is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after the last paragraph the following paragraph:-- (d) Any commercial  
3 boarding or training kennel actively used for day care services shall ensure continuous  
4 supervision of all animals on such premises and shall be subject to inspection and license  
5 revocation as provided under Section 137C.