



**OPPOSE SB510 - An Act Protecting Dogs at Boarding Kennels & Daycare Facilities – Sen. Patrick O’Connor (R)**

**OPPOSE HB812 - An Act Protecting Dogs at Boarding Kennels & Daycare Facilities – Rep. Hannah Kane (R)**

Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture

**WHAT THESE BILLS DO:**

Requires the Department of Agriculture to write new regulations for dog boarding and daycare business.

**WHY YOU SHOULD OPPOSE THESE BILLS:**

The Department of Agriculture should not be told how to regulate boarding kennels and animal day care facilities. If there is a need to write regulations at all it should be left up to the Department to determine the scope of the rules. The Department is the one with experience in these matters. Commercial boarding kennels are already subject to the rules and regulations required to obtain the necessary kennel license. As for requiring special employee training, have the sponsors of this legislation found out whether courses for the required employee training and certification even exist? There are certainly not enough such schools, and training requirements would make it more expensive to hire employees and run a business in what is already a very poorly paid profession. Requiring such employees to get a lot of extra education is unreasonable. This bill acts as if special courses and professional degrees take precedence over what really matters in animal care -- talent, sensitivity, and experience.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Massachusetts Federation of Dog Clubs and Responsible Dog Owners

Mrs. Bonnie Chandler, [bchandler1@charter.net](mailto:bchandler1@charter.net), 978-456-3169

Ms. Holly Sheltry, [hollysheltry@hickoryhillkennel.com](mailto:hollysheltry@hickoryhillkennel.com), 978-356-1644

06/11/19

**SENATE . . . . . No. 510**

---

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

\_\_\_\_\_

PRESENTED BY:

***Patrick M. O'Connor***

\_\_\_\_\_

*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:

*Patrick M. O'Connor*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Plymouth and Norfolk*

**SENATE . . . . . No. 510**

---

---

By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 510) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to rules and regulations governing boarding kennels and daycare facilities for dogs. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

---

---

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 407 OF 2017-2018.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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           SECTION 1. Chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby 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.

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 812**

---

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***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>Hannah Kane</i>            | <i>11th Worcester</i>   |
| <i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>    | <i>15th Essex</i>       |
| <i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>   | <i>1st Worcester</i>    |
| <i>Denise C. Garlick</i>      | <i>13th Norfolk</i>     |
| <i>Colleen M. Garry</i>       | <i>36th Middlesex</i>   |
| <i>Susan Williams Gifford</i> | <i>2nd Plymouth</i>     |
| <i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>   | <i>1st Middlesex</i>    |
| <i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i> | <i>4th Plymouth</i>     |
| <i>Michael O. Moore</i>       | <i>Second Worcester</i> |
| <i>Michael J. Soter</i>       | <i>8th Worcester</i>    |
| <i>Alyson M. Sullivan</i>     | <i>7th Plymouth</i>     |
| <i>José F. Tosado</i>         | <i>9th Hampden</i>      |
| <i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>     | <i>2nd Franklin</i>     |
| <i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>    | <i>2nd Worcester</i>    |

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 812**

---

By Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 812) of Hannah Kane and others for legislation to regulate boarding kennels and daycare facilities for dogs. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

---

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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 2016 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 to dog ratios, group sizes and supervision, minimum housing and care  
6 requirements, indoor and outdoor physical facility requirements, dog handling, insurance, and  
7 penalties for violation thereof.