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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

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

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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 protecting dogs at boarding kennels and daycare facilities.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Patrick M. O'Connor*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Plymouth and Norfolk*

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 407 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 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.