

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1262**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera***

*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act increasing penalties for cruelty to animals.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*10th Hampden*

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By Ms. Coakley-Rivera of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1262) of Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera relative to increasing the penalties for cruelty to animals. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION

SEE

HOUSE  
 , NO. 2810 OF 2011-2012.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act increasing penalties for cruelty to animals.

*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 77 of chapter 272 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 19, the number “5” and inserting in  
3 place thereof the following number:- 10

4 SECTION 2. Section 77 of chapter 272 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010  
5 Official Edition, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 21, the amount “\$2,500” and  
6 inserting in place thereof the following amount:- \$5,000