

HOUSE No. 1309

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jennifer M. Callahan

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 relative to damages for the malicious injury to pets.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3865 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO DAMAGES FOR THE MALICIOUS INJURY TO PETS.

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 is hereby amended by inserting after section 174D the following section:-
- 2 Section 174E. In suits for damages for malicious injury or the killing of a pet, such damages may include emotional
- 3 distress and loss of companionship.