

HOUSE No. 1367

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul R. Heroux

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 to increase the fine for harming a police dog or horse.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Heroux of Attleboro, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1367) of Paul R. Heroux and others relative to increasing the fine for harming police dogs or horses. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3748 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act to increase the fine for harming a police dog or horse.

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 272 Section 77A. Strike Section 77A and replace it with the following:

2 Whoever willfully tortures, torments, beats, kicks, strikes, mutilates, injures, disables or
3 otherwise mistreats, a dog or horse owned by a police department or police agency of the
4 commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions or whoever, willfully by any action
5 whatsoever, interferes with the lawful performance of such dog or horse shall be punished by a
6 fine of not less than one hundred dollars and not more than one thousand dollars or by
7 imprisonment for not more than two and one-half years or both. Persons violating this section
8 may be arrested without a warrant by any officer qualified to serve criminal process provided
9 said offense is committed in his or her presence.