

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1824**

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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 establishing a seized animal fund.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera*

*10th Hampden*

*William C. Galvin*

*6th Norfolk*

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By Ms. Coakley-Rivera of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1824) of Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera and William C. Galvin relative to establishing a seized animal fund. Municipalities and Regional Government.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION

SEE

□ HOUSE  
□ , NO. 2887 OF 2011-2012.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**

An Act establishing a seized animal fund.

*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 47 of chapter 94C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after paragraph (9) of subsection (a) the  
3 following paragraph:-

4 (10) All animals that are used, or intended for use, to facilitate any violation of this  
5 chapter. Any animal forfeited pursuant to this chapter shall be transferred to a local animal  
6 shelter.

7 SECTION 2. Section 47 of chapter 94C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010  
8 Official Edition, is further amended by inserting, after the word “purposes” in line 134 to line  
9 135, the following:- and expend no less than 1% to assist animals seized by the commonwealth  
10 under this chapter with said funds to be deposited into the Seized Animal Fund.

11 SECTION 3. Section 2 of chapter 29 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010  
12 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after Section 2BBBB the following section:-

13 Section 2CCCC. There shall be established and set on the books of the commonwealth a  
14 separate fund to be known as the Seized Animals Fund. There shall be credited to such fund 1%

15 of revenues generated from section 47 of chapter 94C. Revenues credited to this fund will be  
16 used to aid animals that are seized pursuant to chapter 94C. The funds shall be used for the  
17 transport of seized animals to a local animal shelter, the cost associated with the care, evaluation  
18 and adoption of the animal, the spaying and neutering of dogs and cats and any costs associated  
19 with rehabilitating the animal if it was used in fighting for sport.