

HOUSE No. 02176

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Anne M. Gobi

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 dog training areas in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

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Anne M. Gobi

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5th Worcester

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Todd M. Smola

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1st Hampden

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By Ms. Gobi of Spencer, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2176) of Smola and Gobi for legislation to exempt dog training areas from civil or criminal action relating to noise pollution
Joint Committee on the Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
□ HOUSE
□ , NO. 1401 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to dog training areas in the Commonwealth.

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 1994 Official Edition, is hereby amended
2 by inserting after section 157 the following section:

3 Section 157A. All owners of sporting dog training areas in this Commonwealth shall be exempt
4 and immune from civil action or criminal prosecution in any matter relating to noise or noise
5 pollution resulting from the normal and accepted dog training activity of sporting dog training
6 areas, provided that the owners of the sporting dog training areas are in compliance with any
7 applicable noise control laws or ordinances extant at the time the establishment of the sporting
8 dog training area was initiated. The owners of sporting dog training areas shall not be subject to
9 any action for nuisance and no person(s) or court in the Commonwealth shall enjoin the use or

10 operation of the sporting dog training areas on the basis of noise or noise pollution provided that
11 the owners of the sporting dog training areas are in compliance with any applicable noise control
12 laws or ordinances extant at the time the establishment of the sporting dog training area was
13 initiated.