

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3446**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Brian R. Mannal***

*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 criminalize animal abuse in the presence of children.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Brian R. Mannal*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*2nd Barnstable*

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By Mr. Mannel of Barnstable, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3446) of Brian R. Mannel relative to the crime of animal abuse in the presence of a child. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act to criminalize animal abuse in the presence of children.

*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 77 of chapter 272 of the General Laws, as amended by section 3 of chapter 293  
2 of the acts of 2014, is hereby further amended by inserting after the words “\$10,000 or by both  
3 such fine and imprisonment”, as appearing in said section 3 of said chapter 293, the following  
4 words:- ; and provided further that whoever commits such an offense in the presence of a person  
5 under the age of 14 shall be punished by imprisonment in state prison for not more than 10 years  
6 or by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or by both such fine and imprisonment.