

HOUSE No. 3603

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael J. Soter

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 protecting dogs at boarding kennels and daycare facilities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>Alyson M. Sullivan</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>

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By Mr. Soter of Bellingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3603) of Michael J. Soter and others for legislation to further regulate dogs at boarding kennels and daycare facilities. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 2461 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act protecting dogs at boarding kennels and daycare facilities.

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 2014 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by adding after Section 174F, the following new section:-

3 174G. The Department shall promulgate rules and regulations for boarding kennels and
4 daycare facilities for dogs, including home-based kennels and daycare facilities, including, but
5 not limited to staff to dog ratios, group sizes and supervision, minimum housing and care
6 requirements, indoor and outdoor physical facility requirements, dog handling, insurance, and
7 penalties for violation thereof.