

HOUSE No. 3748

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 passage of the accompanying:

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

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| <i>Paul R. Heroux</i> | <i>2nd Bristol</i> |
| <i>Christine E. Canavan</i> | <i>10th Plymouth</i> |
| <i>James M. Cantwell</i> | <i>4th Plymouth</i> |
| <i>James J. Dwyer</i> | <i>30th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Sean Garballey</i> | <i>23rd Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Aaron Vega</i> | <i>5th Hampden</i> |
| <i>Peter J. Durant</i> | <i>6th Worcester</i> |

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By Mr. Heroux of Attleboro, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul R. Heroux and others relative to increasing the fine for harming police dogs or horses. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen
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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.