

HOUSE No. 00456

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Peter J. Koutoujian

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 to include animals in abuse prevention orders..

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Peter J. Koutoujian

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

10th Middlesex

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By Mr. Koutoujian of Waltham, petition (accompanied by [legType], House, No. 00456) of Peter J. Koutoujian for legislation to include animals in abuse prevention orders

Joint Committee on the Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION

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HOUSE

, NO. 1499 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act to include animals in abuse prevention orders..

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 3 of Chapter 209A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official

2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "minor" in line 6 the following words:-

3 ; ordering the possession, care and control of any animal owned, possessed, leased, kept, or held

4 by either party or a minor child residing in the household to the plaintiff. The court may order

5 the defendant to refrain from abusing, threatening, taking, interfering with, transferring,

6 encumbering, concealing, harming, or otherwise disposing of the animal;