

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 630**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*James M. Cantwell*

*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 An act regulating boarding kennels and daycare facilities for dogs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Cantwell of Marshfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 630) of James M. Cantwell, Louis L. Kafka and Carolyn C. Dykema for legislation to authorize the Department of Agricultural Resources to promulgate rules and regulations governing boarding kennels and daycare facilities for dogs. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3342 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act An act regulating boarding kennels and daycare facilities for dogs.

*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 is hereby amended by adding the following new  
2 section:

3 174F. 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 qualifications and development, provider/dog ratios and interaction, group  
6 sizes and supervision, minimum housing and care requirements, indoor and outdoor physical  
7 facility requirements, utilities, dog handling, body language interpretation, breed familiarity,  
8 emergency response training, insurance, and penalties for violation thereof.