

SENATE No. 135

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Diana DiZoglio

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 relative to the online advertising of pet care services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Diana DiZoglio

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Essex

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By Ms. DiZoglio, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 135) of Diana DiZoglio for legislation relative to the online advertising of pet care services. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4465 OF 2017-2018.]

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

An Act relative to the online advertising of pet care services.

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. Chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 174F the following section:-

3 Section 174G. Any website that advertises persons for hire to provide pet care services in
4 the commonwealth shall state, on the website and in a manner easily accessible to the public,
5 that:-

6 (a) persons listed for hire are not necessarily accredited or certified pet care professionals;

7 (b) persons listed for hire are not employed by the website;

8 (c) individuals who hire persons listed on the website to provide pet care services do so at
9 their own risk; and

10 (d) a person who: (i) is a full or part-year resident of the commonwealth whose
11 Massachusetts gross income is \$8,000 or more must file a Massachusetts personal income tax
12 return; or (ii) is a nonresident of the commonwealth but whose Massachusetts gross income is
13 more than either \$8,000 or the prorated personal exemption , whichever is less, must file a
14 Massachusetts personal income tax return.