

SENATE No. 2358

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

Senate, September 26, 2019

The committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, to whom was referred the petitions (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 510) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to rules and regulations governing boarding kennels and daycare facilities for dogs; (accompanied by bill, House, No. 812) of Hannah Kane and others for legislation to regulate boarding kennels and daycare facilities for dogs; and (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3603) of Michael J. Soter and others for legislation to further regulate dogs at boarding kennels and daycare facilities,- reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 2358).

For the committee,
Anne M. Gobi

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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 is hereby amended by inserting after Section 174F, the
2 following 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.