

**SENATE . . . . . No. 497**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Anne M. Gobi*

*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 heartworm in dogs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Anne M. Gobi*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Worcester and Hampshire*

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By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 497) of Anne M. Gobi for legislation relative to heartworm in dogs. Environment and Natural Resources.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 550 OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to heartworm in 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           SECTION 1: The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (the Department)  
2 shall adopt best practices as put forth by the American Heartworm Association, specifically  
3 relative to the transport and acceptance into the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with any stage  
4 of dirofilariasis, also known as heartworm or dog heartworm.