

**SENATE . . . . . No. 581**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Mark C. Montigny***

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*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 privately operated animal shelters and rescue organizations.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Mark C. Montigny*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Second Bristol and Plymouth*

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By Mr. Montigny, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 581) of Mark C. Montigny for legislation relative to privately operated animal shelters and rescue organizations. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 502 OF 2019-2020.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act relative to privately operated animal shelters and rescue organizations.

*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 39A of Chapter 129 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official  
2 Edition, is amended by striking the second paragraph and inserting in place thereof the  
3 following:-

4           This section shall not apply to a publicly or privately owned zoological park, a publicly  
5 owned animal pound, a privately operated animal shelter or rescue organization, to persons  
6 selling, exchanging or otherwise transferring the offspring of their personally owned animals, or  
7 to horse or cattle auctions.