

SENATE No. 548

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patrick M. O'Connor

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 protecting dogs at boarding kennels and daycare facilities.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| <i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i> | <i>First Plymouth and Norfolk</i> | |
| <i>James K. Hawkins</i> | <i>2nd Bristol</i> | <i>2/24/2023</i> |
| <i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i> | <i>7th Middlesex</i> | <i>3/7/2023</i> |

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By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 548) of Patrick M. O'Connor, James K. Hawkins and Jack Patrick Lewis for legislation relative to rules and regulations governing boarding kennels and daycare facilities for dogs. Environment and Natural Resources.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 595 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**
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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, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by adding after Section 174F, the following new 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 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.