

HOUSE No. 1310

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

William C. Galvin, (BY REQUEST)

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 animal abuse.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Michael Hirsch

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

37 Meadow Wood Drive

Stoughton, MA

02072

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By Mr. Galvin of Canton (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1310) of Michael Hirsch relative to the penalties for animal abuse. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

An Act relative to animal abuse.

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. Section 112 of Chapter 266 of the General Laws, as amended by Section 2
2 of Chapter 293 of the Acts of 2014, is further amended by striking out, "7 years in state prison or
3 imprisonment in the house of correction for not more than 2 1/2 years or by a fine of not more
4 than \$5,000 or by both fine and imprisonment; provided, however, that a second or subsequent
5 offense shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 10 years or by a
6 fine of not more than \$10,000 or by both such fine and imprisonment" and inserting in place
7 thereof the following words: - 10 years in a state prison or house of correction with a fine of not
8 more than \$5,000, however, that subsequent offenses shall be punished by imprisonment in the
9 state prison for not more then 15 years and a fine of not more than \$15,000.

10 SECTION 2. Section 77 of chapter 272 of the general laws, as amended by Section 3 of
11 Chapter 293 of the Acts of 2014, is further amended by striking out, "7 years in state prison or
12 imprisonment in the house of correction for not more than 2 1/2 years or by a fine of not more
13 than \$5,000 or by both fine and imprisonment; provided, however, that a second or subsequent

14 offense shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 10 years or by a
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