

HOUSE No. 02887

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act establishing a seized animal fund.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera

10th Hampden

Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.

12th Hampden

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By Ms. Coakley-Rivera of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2887) of Puppolo and Coakley-Rivera relative to establishing a seized animal fund Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act establishing a seized animal fund.

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 47 of chapter 94C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after paragraph (9) of subsection (a) the following
3 paragraph:-

4 (10) All animals that are used, or intended for use, to facilitate any violation of this chapter. Any
5 animal forfeited pursuant to this chapter shall be transferred to a local animal shelter.

6 SECTION 2. Section 47 of chapter 94C is further amended by inserting, after the word
7 “purposes” in lines 134-135, the following:- and expend no less than 1% to assist animals seized
8 by the commonwealth under this chapter with said funds to be deposited into the Seized Animal
9 Fund.

10 SECTION 3. Section 2 of chapter 29 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by inserting after
11 Section 2BBB the following section:-

12 Section 2CCC. There shall be established and set on the books of the commonwealth a separate
13 fund to be known as the Seized Animals Fund. There shall be credited to such fund 1% of
14 revenues generated from section 47 of chapter 94C. Revenues credited to this fund will be used
15 to aid animals that are seized pursuant to chapter 94C. The funds shall be used for the transport
16 of seized animals to a local animal shelter, the cost associated with the care, evaluation and
17 adoption of the animal, the spaying and neutering of dogs and cats and any costs associated with
18 rehabilitating the animal if it was used in fighting for sport.