

HOUSE No. 3772

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tram T. Nguyen

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 protecting animals from abusers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>

<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>

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By Ms. Nguyen of Andover, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3772) of Tram T. Nguyen and others relative to penalties for cruelty to animals. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to protecting animals from abusers.

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 77 of chapter 272 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:- A person convicted of a violation of
3 section 77, 77A, 77C, 80 ½, 94 or 95 shall not harbor, own, possess, exercise control over, adopt,
4 or foster an animal for any length of time that the court deems reasonable for the protection of all
5 animals; provided, however, that the length of time shall not be less than 5 years after the
6 person’s release from custody.

7 Any person found in violation of an order incorporating the provisions of this section
8 may, in addition to any other punishment provided by law, be fined in an amount not exceeding
9 \$1,000 for each animal held in unlawful ownership or possession. Any animal involved in a
10 violation described in this section shall be forfeited to the State.