

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 00561**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*Bradford Hill*

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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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the regulation of animal shelters.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Bradford Hill*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*4th Essex*

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 00561

By Mr. Bradford Hill of Ipswich, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 00561) of Bradford Hill relative to the regulation of animal shelters

□. Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE  
□ HOUSE  
□ , NO. 3703 OF 2009-2010.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to the regulation of animal shelters.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

- 1 Amend Chap 129 of the general laws by inserting the following:
- 2 Section 39E: Animal Shelters and Rescue (rehoming) Organizations
- 3 SECTION 1. Definitions:
- 4 “Shelter” – Any 501 (c )3 organization or other IRS not for profit status organization, that finds
- 5 homes for unowned animals.
- 6 “Rescue Organization” – A 501 (c )3 organization or other IRS not for profit status organization
- 7 other than a shelter as defined in this act that arranges for transfer of unowned dogs and cats to
- 8 temporary or permanent homes in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

9 “Department” – Department of Agricultural Resources