

HOUSE No. 725

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce J. Ayers

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 instructing the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation to study the feasibility of establishing an animal shelter and dog park on state-owned property in the city of Quincy.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Bruce J. Ayers

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

1st Norfolk

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By Mr. Ayers of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 725) of Bruce J. Ayers that the Department of Conservation and Recreation be directed to conduct a study of the feasibility of establishing an animal shelter facility and dog park on state-owned property in the city of Quincy. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 393 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**
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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. This bill will instruct the Department of Conservation and Recreation to
2 conduct a comprehensive study of the feasibility of establishing an Animal Shelter facility and
3 Dog Park on state-owned property in the city of Quincy.

4 Section 2. Establishing a new Animal Shelter facility and Dog Park will benefit the
5 Quincy Animal Shelter, which is a volunteer organization, as well as residents of the city of
6 Quincy who own a dog or other companion animal. The new Animal Shelter facility and Dog
7 Park will be utilized for the daily operations of the Quincy Animal Shelter, which places dogs

8 and cats into suitable homes. The new facility and Dog Park will also be open to the general
9 public and those with companion animals for recreational use.

10 Section 3. The Department of Conservation and Recreation shall be responsible for
11 examining state-owned land in the city of Quincy, and for determining a suitable location for an
12 Animal Shelter facility and a Dog Park. They shall report their findings to the Mayor of Quincy;
13 the Quincy City Council; the Quincy Animal Shelter; state legislators representing the city of
14 Quincy; and other interested parties.

15 Section 4. These findings must be completed and forwarded to all the aforementioned
16 parties by December 15, 2019.