

SENATE No. 2461

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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SENATE, Monday, April 23, 2018

The committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, to whom was referred the petitions (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 406) of Harriette L. Chandler, James M. Cantwell, Jason M. Lewis, Lori A. Ehrlich and other members of the General Court for legislation to protect dogs at boarding kennels and daycare facilities; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 461) of Mark C. Montigny, James R. Miceli, Paul R. Heroux and Sal N. DiDomenico for legislation to require the supervision of animals at day care services; and (accompanied by bill, House, No. 407) of James M. Cantwell , Hannah Kane and others relative to rules and regulations governing boarding kennels and daycare facilities for dogs,- reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 2461).

For the committee,
Anne M. Gobi

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An Act protecting dogs at boarding kennels and daycare facilities.

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

1 Chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by adding after Section 174F, the following new section:-

3 174G. The Department shall promulgate rules and regulations for boarding kennels and
4 daycare facilities for dogs, including home-based kennels and daycare facilities, including, but
5 not limited to staff to dog ratios, group sizes and supervision, minimum housing and care
6 requirements, indoor and outdoor physical facility requirements, dog handling, insurance, and
7 penalties for violation thereof.