

# SENATE . . . . No. 268

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To accompany the petition of Elsie Pitnof and another for legislation to provide means for the recovery of certain stolen, lost or strayed animals. Legal Affairs.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-One

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### AN ACT TO PROVIDE MEANS FOR THE RECOVERY OF CERTAIN STOLEN, LOST OR STRAYED ANIMALS.

*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 134 of the General Laws is hereby amended  
2 by adding at the end the following two sections:—  
3 *Section 8.* Any agency, institution or individual  
4 engaged in the practice of buying, selling, trading or  
5 using cats and dogs shall register its or his name,  
6 address and the exact location on its or his premises  
7 wherein such animals are kept with the department  
8 of public safety on forms prescribed by the commis-  
9 sioner. The department shall maintain a file of all  
10 registrants, and said files may be open to public in-  
11 spection. For the purposes of this section any agency,  
12 institution or individual who buys, sells, trades or  
13 uses ten or more dogs or cats in any one year, shall be  
14 deemed to be engaged in the practice of buying, sell-  
15 ing, trading or using cats and dogs. Whoever violates

16 the provisions of this section shall be punished by a  
17 fine of not less than fifty nor more than two hundred  
18 and fifty dollars.

19 *Section 9.* The department of public safety shall  
20 issue to any person having lost a dog or cat permis-  
21 sion to visit at specified hours during the day any  
22 agency, institution or individual registered under  
23 section eight for the sole purpose of identifying such  
24 lost animal.