

HOUSE No. 1457

By Mr. Colo of Athol, petition of H. Thomas Colo for legislation to permit certain officials to delay the killing of unmuzzled or unrestrained dogs. Legal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Six.

AN ACT TO PERMIT CERTAIN OFFICIALS TO DELAY KILLING CERTAIN UNMUZZLED OR UNRESTRAINED DOGS.

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 167 of chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appear-
2 ing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by add-
3 ing at the end thereof the following: — Provided, however,
4 that such police officer or constable may, in his discretion,
5 hold any such dog for a period not in excess of ten days. If
6 the owner thereof shall claim said dog and pay to the officer
7 having custody of animal the sum of five dollars together
8 with one dollar and fifty cents for each day that the dog is so
9 held, it shall be returned to the owner. The five dollar fee
10 shall be paid over to the municipality and the remaining
11 money shall be retained by the officer as his fee.

