

SENATE No. 359

By Mr. Bullock, (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 359) of Claudia Edgell for legislation to require tax free animal humane societies, which solicit public donation and/or bequests, to open their books to public scrutiny. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REQUIRING TAX FREE ANIMAL HUMANE SOCIETIES, WHICH SOLICIT PUBLIC DONATIONS AND/OR BEQUESTS, TO OPEN THEIR BOOKS TO PUBLIC SCRUTINY.

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 one-hundred and forty of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by inserting after the last paragraph of Sec-
3 tion one-hundred and thirty-seven A the following new para-
4 graph: —

5 Any holder of a kennel license, which enjoys tax-free status,
6 incorporated for the purpose of protecting animals from
7 cruelty, neglect or abuse and for relief of suffering among
8 animals shall be required to open their books for public scru-
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10 This act shall apply to those institutions worth \$10,000.00
11 or more.

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