

By Mr. Saltmarsh of Winchester, petition of Sherman W. Saltmarsh, Jr., relative to the use of certain animals for scientific experiment or instruction. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE USE OF CERTAIN ANIMALS FOR SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENT OR INSTRUCTION.

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. Chapter forty-nine A of the General Laws is
2 hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 2. Section 151A of chapter 140 of the General Laws,
2 as appearing in section 2 of chapter 289 of the acts of 1976, is
3 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 12 to 16, inclusive, the
4 words "unless delivery of such dog to an institution licensed under
5 chapter forty-nine A shall be required under the provisions of
6 section three of said chapter forty-nine A; provided that at the end
7 of ten days such dog officer may, subject to the provisions of said
8 chapter forty-nine A,".

1 SECTION 3. Said section 151A of said chapter 140, as so
2 appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 7, the
3 word "spayed".

1 SECTION 4. Section 152 of said chapter 140, as appearing in
2 section 4 of chapter 298 of the acts of 1957, is hereby amended by
3 striking out, in lines 8, 9, 11 and 12, in each instance, the words,
4 "delivered to an institution licensed under chapter forty-nine A."

1 SECTION 5. Section 153 of said chapter 140, as appearing in
2 section 3 of chapter 289 of the acts of 1976, is hereby amended by

3 striking out, in lines 16 to 19, inclusive, the words, “unless delivery
4 of such dog to an institution licensed under chapter forty-nine A of
5 the General Laws shall be required under the provisions of section
6 three of said chapter forty-nine A;”.

1 SECTION 6. Said section 153 of said chapter 140, as so
2 appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 33 to
3 34, inclusive, the words, “delivered to an institution licensed under
4 chapter forty-nine A of the General Laws,”.

1 SECTION 7. Cities and towns may by following the provisions
2 of law authorizing binding local ballot questions to adopt or
3 reinstate the provisions of chapter forty-nine A of the General
4 Laws within the jurisdiction of said city or town so voting.

1 SECTION 8. The provisions of this act shall take effect on July
2 first, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine unless a city or town has
3 adopted the provisions of chapter forty-nine A of the General
4 Laws as authorized by section seven of this act prior to July first,
5 nineteen hundred and seventy-nine. In this instance the provisions
6 of said chapter forty-nine A shall cease to be operative in said city
7 or town.