

HOUSE No. 4348

By Mr. Hayes of Whitman, petition of Robert Emmet Hayes and another that operators of kennels be provided with copies of the laws of the Commonwealth relative to the licensing and keeping of dogs. Counties.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

AN ACT PROVIDING INFORMATION ABOUT DOG LAWS FOR DOG OWNERS.

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, Section 139 is amended by adding the following
2 paragraphs at the end of Section 139: —

3 “Each purchaser of a dog or kennel license shall be provided
4 with an abstract of the laws of the Commonwealth affecting the
5 purchase, sale, licensing, keeping, and ownership of dogs. Such
6 an abstract shall include a listing of those actions of the dog or
7 the dog owner imposing restrictions on the dog or penalties on
8 the dog owner as listed in the following Chapters of Massachusetts
9 General Laws: Chapter 140; Chapter 266, Section 47; Chapter 272,
10 Sections 77, 77A, 80A, 80B, 88, 89, 90 to 95, and 98A; and Chapter
11 49A, Sections 32 to 35; or any other law affecting dog ownership.
12 The abstract shall be updated yearly if required.

13 County Treasurers, and in Suffolk County the Town
14 Treasurers, shall pay for the abstracts out of the dog fund. The
15 Attorney General of the Commonwealth shall cause such abstract
16 to be prepared and printed in such quantities as required by city
17 or towns clerks.”

