

HOUSE No. 5287

By Mrs. Harkins of Needham, petition of Lida E. Harkins relative to increasing the penalties imposed for malicious killing, maiming or disfiguring of animals. Criminal Justice.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO INCREASING PENALTIES FOR MALICIOUS KILLING,
MAIMING OR DISFIGURING OF 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 266 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
2 out section 112 and inserting in place thereof the following
3 section: —

4 Section 112. Whoever wilfully and maliciously kills, maims or
5 disfigures any horse, cattle or other animal of another person, or
6 wilfully and maliciously administer's or exposes poison with intent
7 that it shall be taken or swallowed by any such animal, shall be
8 punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than
9 ten years or by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars and
10 imprisonment in jail for not more than two years.

