

HOUSE No. 738

By Mr. Spillane of Foxborough, petition of Garrett H. Spillane, Jr., for legislation to provide that dogs be restrained from roaming at large upon the land of another or on public highways. Counties.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT DOGS BE RESTRAINED FROM ROAMING AT LARGE.

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 of the General Laws is hereby amended by in-
2 serting after section 168 the following section:— *Section 168A.*
3 No person who owns or keeps a dog shall allow such dog to
4 run at large upon the land of another if such dog is not under
5 the control of the owner or keeper or an agent of the owner or
6 keeper, nor allow such dog to roam at large on any portion of
7 any public highway not adjacent to the premises of the owner
8 or keeper unless such dog is attended and under control of such
9 owner or keeper or his agent; provided, however, that this sec-
10 tion shall not be construed to limit or prohibit the use of hunting
11 dogs during the open hunting season. Whoever violates any
12 provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more
13 than twenty-five dollars or by imprisonment for not more than
14 thirty days, or both.

