

AN ACT

HOUSE No. 2218

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 26, 1914.

The committee on TOWNS, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 732) of the mayor of the city of Waltham and others that cities and towns be authorized to provide for the care and disposal of unlicensed or abandoned animals, report the accompanying bill.

For the committee,

MOSES H. McGAUGHEY.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen.

AN ACT

To authorize Cities and Towns to provide for the Care and Disposal of Homeless or Unlicensed Dogs and Cats.

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. It shall be lawful for cities and towns to
2 make such appropriations as may be necessary for taking
3 up, caring for and disposing of unlicensed or lost or
4 abandoned dogs and cats, and a city or town may con-
5 tract with any society duly incorporated for the care or
6 protection of dumb animals to take up, care for and dis-
7 pose of unlicensed, lost or abandoned dogs and cats in
8 that city or town.

1 SECTION 2. In case such a contract is made, a war-
2 rant under the provisions of section one hundred and
3 forty-three of chapter one hundred and two of the Re-
4 vised Laws may be issued to one or more officers or em-
5 ployees of the society with which the contract is made,
6 who shall receive no compensation from the city or town
7 unless the contract so provides; but such warrant shall
8 not be construed to require the killing of any animal for
9 which a suitable home can be found by the society. Any
10 payments under the provisions of this act shall be made
11 from the money received for licenses.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.