

SENATE No. 804

By Mr. Aylmer, by request, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate No. 804) of Dorothy Checchi O'Brien for legislation to restrict the sale and importation of skunks. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RESTRICTING THE SALE AND IMPORTATION OF SKUNKS.

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 131 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting after Section 73, the following new section: —

3 *Section 73A.* The Director of the Division of Fisheries and
4 Wildlife is hereby authorized to provide for the issuance of
5 special permits allowing for the sale or purchase of skunks at
6 the retail and wholesale level.

7 Due to the potential health hazard to the public, the im-
8 portation of skunks across state borders into the Common-
9 wealth is hereby prohibited except for the purpose scientific
10 research.

