

HOUSE No. 5336

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 23, 1987.

The committee on Criminal Justice, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1353) of Albert Herren relative to defining the crime of larceny, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5336) ought to pass.

For the committee,

SALVATORE F. DiMASI.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO LARCENY.

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. Subsection (2) of Section 30 of Chapter 266 is
2 hereby amended by striking the present subsection and inserting
3 in place thereof the following new subsection: —

4 (2) The term “property”, as used in the section shall include
5 money, personal chattels, a bank note, bond, promissory note,
6 bill of exchange or other bill, order or certificate, a book of
7 accounts for or concerning money or goods due or to become due
8 or to be delivered, a deed or writing containing a conveyance of
9 land, any valuable contract in force, a receipt, release or
10 defeasance, a writ, process, certificate of title or duplicate
11 certificate issued under chapter one hundred and eighty-five, a
12 public record, anything which is of the realty or is annexed thereto,
13 a security deposit received pursuant to section fifteen B of chapter
14 one hundred and eighty-six, electronically processed or stored
15 data, either tangible or intangible, data while in transit and any
16 domesticated animal, including dogs, or a beast or bird which is
17 ordinarily kept in confinement.

1 SECTION 2. Section forty-seven of Chapter two hundred and
2 sixty-six of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking the
3 present section and inserting in place thereof the following new
4 section:

5 Section 47. Dogs; poisoning; wrongful removal of collar;
6 penalty.

7 Whoever wrongfully removes the collar from a dog which is
8 licensed and collared as provided in chapter one hundred and forty
9 shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars,
10 or by six months imprisonment, or both. Whoever distributes or
11 exposes a poisonous substance, with intent that it shall be eaten
12 by a dog, shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty nor
13 more than one hundred dollars.