

HOUSE No. 2336

By Mr. Morrissey of Quincy, petition of Michael W. Morrissey relative to the public safety and transportation of animals. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION 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 90 is hereby amended by adding the following new
2 section after Section 13 entitled: —

3 Section 13A. No person shall transport any animal in the back
4 of a motor vehicle in a space intended for any load on the vehicle
5 on a public way unless the space is enclosed or has side and tail
6 racks to a height of at least 48 inches extending vertically from
7 the floor, or the animal is protected by a secured container or cage,
8 or the animal is protected by a safe and effective restraining
9 harness device, in a manner which will prevent the animal from
10 being thrown, falling, or jumping from the vehicle. Whoever vio-
11 lates the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of
12 not more than twenty-five dollars.

