

HOUSE No. 4481

By Mr. Walsh of Agawam, petition of Michael P. Walsh for legislation to regulate animal shelters in the Commonwealth Counties.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ANIMAL SHELTER DEPOSITS.

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 139A of Chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing
- 2 in the 1987 Supplement to the 1986 Official Edition is hereby
- 3 amended by striking out the third paragraph and inserting in place
- 4 thereof the following: —
- 5 1) A Public Education Program To Prevent Overpopulation of
- 6 Dogs or Cats;
- 7 2) A Program To Spay or Neuter Dogs or Cats;
- 8 3) A Follow Up Program To Assure That Animals Sold or given
- 9 away by the shelter are spayed or neutered;
- 10 4) Training and Education For Animal Control Officers and
- 11 Kennel Attendants;
- 12 5) Costs Incurred Under This Section.

Resolved, That the sum of \$100,000 be and it is hereby appropriated for the purchase of land for the establishment of a national observatory at such place or places as the President may designate.

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