

By Mr. Klimm of Barnstable, petition of John C. Klimm for legislation to require persons operating a dog training facility to be licensed for kennel operations. Counties.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

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AN ACT REGULATING DOG TRAINING FACILITIES.

*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 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting  
2 after section 137D, the following section: —

3 Section 137E. Every person operating a dog training facility  
4 shall be licensed with a kennel license the fee for which shall be  
5 twenty-five dollars annually.

6 A facility which houses dogs for training shall be subject to the  
7 provisions of sections one hundred and thirty-seven A and one  
8 hundred and thirty-seven B. All such facilities shall be separate  
9 from any residential buildings.

10 Such facilities and the areas in which a guard or attack dog is  
11 trained must be posted with guard dog signs which must be at  
12 least eight by twelve inches, that shall not be more than 200 feet  
13 apart and shall be situated at property corners and at every  
14 entrance into the area. All gates and entrances to such a facility  
15 or area shall be kept locked when not in use.

16 If a guard or attack dogs are trained outside the facility the area  
17 must be enclosed by at least a six foot chain link fence, in height.  
18 Sight barriers shall be installed in all such areas.

19 All such facilities shall maintain records of each dog trained.  
20 Said list shall include owners name and address, type of dog and  
21 license number. If guard or attack dog trained, the facility or  
22 establishment shall notify in writing the Town or City police and  
23 Animal Control Department in which said dog is to be housed.

24 All records and the facilities shall be open for inspection by the  
25 Animal Control Department or its representatives.

26 Any type of training that would detrimentally affect the dog's  
27 health, safety or welfare, or the welfare of the public is prohibited,  
28 including but not limited to the following procedures:

29 (1) Kicking, beating, hanging, or any other kind of physical  
30 abuse.

31 (2) Withholding of food or water or reasonable comfort in order  
32 to promote aggression.

33 A violation of any provision of this section shall be punished  
34 by a fine not to exceed two hundred dollars and suspension of  
35 license.