

By Mr. Casey of Winchester, petition of Paul C. Casey relative to the penalties for harboring animals and wrongfully removing the collars of licensed dogs. Criminal Justice.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PENALTIES FOR THE HARBORING OF AN ANIMAL AND WRONGFULLY REMOVING THE COLLAR OF A LICENSED DOG.

*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 85A of Chapter 272 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by striking out the remainder of the section following  
3 the word "value".

4 Chapter 272 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
5 inserting after Chapter 85A, as amended, the following  
6 sections: —

7 Section 85B. Any person who, without the authorization of the  
8 owner or keeper, holds or harbors a dog or other domesticated  
9 animal for more than forty-eight hours without reporting it or  
10 taking it to the police station or dog officer nearest to the place  
11 where it was found and informing the police officer or dog officer  
12 in charge where such dog or other animal was found, the name,  
13 color, age, size and pedigree, as fully as possible, of such animal  
14 and the person's own name and address or who shall cause a dog  
15 to wear an imitation or counterfeit of the official tag prescribed  
16 by section one hundred and thirty-seven B of chapter one hundred  
17 and forty, shall be punished by a fine of not more than five  
18 hundred dollars.

19 Section 85C. Whoever wrongfully removes the collar from a  
20 dog which is licensed and collared as provided in chapter one  
21 hundred and forty shall be punished by a fine of not more than  
22 five hundred dollars or by six months' imprisonment, or both.

