

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 5695

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## *The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 10, 1991.

The committee on Bills in the third reading, to whom was referred the Bill concerning the regulations of spayed dogs (House, No. 5531), and the Bill to extend the life of impounded dogs (House, No. 5532), reports recommending that the same be consolidated and amended by substitution of a bill (House, No. 5695).

For the committee,

JOHN F. COX.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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## AN ACT RELATIVE TO IMPOUNDED DOGS.

*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. The first paragraph of section 151A of chapter  
2 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1990 Official Edition,  
3 is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting  
4 in place thereof the following sentence: — In the several cities and  
5 towns of the several counties, except Suffolk county, the mayor  
6 or board of selectmen shall annually within ten days after June  
7 first issue a warrant to such dog officer or officers directing him  
8 or them to seek out, catch and confine all dogs within the city  
9 or town which then have not been licensed, collared or harnessed,  
10 and tagged, as required by this chapter, and to enter and prosecute  
11 a complaint for failure to comply with the provisions of this  
12 chapter against the owners or keepers thereof, if known, and to  
13 kill or cause to be killed by methods of execution other than  
14 gunshot except in case of emergency, T-61, so-called, an  
15 euthanasia solution not under the control of the federal Drug  
16 Enforcement Administration, unless by a veterinarian, succinyl-  
17 choline choline, any drugs that have curariform-like action,  
18 electrocution or any other method which causes an unnecessarily  
19 cruel death each such dog which after being detained by or for  
20 him for a period of ten days shall not then have been licensed,  
21 collared or harnessed, and tagged; provided, however, that at the  
22 end of six days such dog officer may make available for adoption  
23 any dog not found to be diseased, for a sum not less than three  
24 dollars and shall keep an account of all moneys received by him  
25 for such adoption and shall forthwith pay over such sums to the  
26 town treasurer who shall forward all such money to the county  
27 treasurer in the same manner as dog license money as provided  
28 in section one hundred and forty-seven.

1 SECTION 2. Section 153 of said chapter 140, as so appearing,  
2 is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 22 and 23, the words  
3 “male or any spayed female dog not found to be diseased may  
4 be available for adoption” and inserting in place thereof the words:  
5 — dog not found to be diseased may be made available for  
6 adoption after six days.

