

By Mr. Wetmore, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 809) of Robert D. Wetmore, Thomas H. Berube, Patrick F. Landers III and Stephen M. Brewer for legislation to exempt owners of sporting dog training areas from any civil or criminal actions relating to noise pollution. The Judiciary.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT EXEMPTING OWNERS OF SPORTING DOG TRAINING AREAS FROM ANY CIVIL OR CRIMINAL ACTIONS RELATING TO NOISE POLLUTION.

*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, Section 157 is hereby amended by adding the  
2 following new section, Section 157A as follows: —

3 All owners of sporting dog training areas in this Common-  
4 wealth shall be exempt and immune from civil action or criminal  
5 prosecution in any matter relating to noise or noise pollution  
6 resulting from the normal and accepted dog training activity of  
7 sporting dog training areas provided that the owners of the  
8 sporting dog training areas are in compliance with any applicable  
9 noise control laws or ordinances extant at the time the  
10 establishment of the sporting dog training areas was initiated.

11 The owners of sporting dog training areas shall not be subject  
12 to any action for nuisance and no person(s) or court in the  
13 Commonwealth shall enjoin the use or operation of the sporting  
14 dog training areas on the basis of noise or noise pollution provided  
15 that the owners of the sporting dog training areas are in  
16 compliance with any applicable noise control laws or ordinances  
17 extant at the time the establishment of the sporting dog training  
18 area was initiated.

