

HOUSE No. 5736

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 3, 1975.

The committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1264) of Kathleen Barton for legislation to prohibit pet shops from selling puppies less than eight weeks of age; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2741) of Dawn Powers for legislation to prohibit the sale of cats under the age of four months, report recommending that the accompanying resolve (House, No. 5736) ought to pass.

For the committee,

STEVE T. CHMURA.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Five.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE RELATIVE TO THE SALE OF PUPPIES BY PET SHOPS.

1 *Resolved*, That the department of agriculture is hereby
2 authorized and directed to investigate and study the subject
3 matter of current house documents numbered 1264, relative to
4 the regulation of the sale of puppies by pet shops and 2741
5 prohibiting the sale of cats under age four (4) months. Said
6 department shall consider in its study and investigation the
7 provisions of section 39A of Chapter 129 of the General Laws in
8 relation thereto. Said department shall report to the General
9 Court of its recommendations, if any, by the first Wednesday of
10 September, nineteen hundred and seventy-five.