

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 3539

By Mr. Forman of Plymouth, petition of Peter Forman for legislation to require pet shops, zoos and other dealers in animals to be licensed. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### AN ACT TO REGULATE DOG DEALERS AND ZOOS.

*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 thirty-nine A of the General Laws, as most recently  
2 amended by Chapter nine hundred and ninety-three of the acts of  
3 nineteen hundred and seventy-one, is hereby repealed, and the  
4 following chapter inserted in place thereof:—

5 Every person engaged in the business of operating a pet shop,  
6 and any person who is licensed with the United States Department  
7 of Agriculture under the provisions of Animal Welfare Act (Public  
8 L. 94-279) shall obtain a license therefor from the director, the fee  
9 for which shall be fifty dollars, and such license shall expire on  
10 December thirty-first following the date of issuance and revocation  
11 of such licenses and the conduct of the businesses so licensed and  
12 relative to the maintenance of premises, buildings and convey-  
13 ances, the health of the birds, mammals, amphibians, or reptiles  
14 and the method, record-keeping and time of inspection and check-  
15 ing of said animals.

16 This section shall not apply to a publicly owned animal pound,  
17 to the persons selling, exchanging or otherwise transferring the  
18 off-spring of their personally owned animals, or to horse or cattle  
19 auctions.

IN SENATE, FEBRUARY 1, 1877.

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