

HOUSE No. 6283

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 16, 1983.

The committee on Counties on the part of the House, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2395) of Allan R. Chiocca and Stephen W. Doran for legislation to regulate the killing of impounded animals, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 6283) ought to pass.

For the committee,

ALLAN R. CHIOCCA.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REGULATING THE KILLING OF IMPOUNDED ANIMALS.

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 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding
2 after Section 174C, a new section: —

3 *Section 174C.* No animal whose killing is authorized under the
4 provisions of this chapter shall be put to death by shooting,
5 electrocution or by injection of succinylcholine chloride. T-61 may
6 only be used by, or on the order of a veterinarian, said person
7 administering T-61 must be trained for this purpose and subject
8 regular observation concerning humane euthanasia.

9 Shooting shall be used as a means of euthanasia only in an
10 emergency situation to prevent extreme suffering or in which the
11 safety of people or other animal life is threatened. Whoever
12 violates the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of
13 not less than one hundred dollars.