

By Mr. Frank of Boston, petition of Sandra A. Rimany for legislation to prohibit the use of live animals as lure or bait in certain races, games or contests. Government Regulations.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT TO AMEND ANTI-CRUELTY TO ANIMAL LAW.

*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 272 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking  
2 out Section 77, as most recently amended by Chapter 46 of the  
3 Acts of 1972, and inserting in place thereof the following  
4 section: —

5 *Section 77.* Whoever overdrives, overloads, drives when  
6 overloaded, overworks, tortures, torments, deprives of necessary  
7 sustenance, cruelly beats, mutilates or kills an animal, or causes  
8 or procures an animal to be so overdriven, overloaded, driven  
9 when overloaded, overworked, tortured, tormented, deprived of  
10 necessary sustenance, cruelly beaten, mutilated or killed; and  
11 *whoever uses a live animal as a lure or bait in, or in training for, a*  
12 *race, game or contest;* and whoever, having the charge or custody  
13 of an animal, either as owner or otherwise, inflicts unnecessary  
14 cruelty upon it, or unnecessarily fails to provide it with proper  
15 food, drink, shelter, or protection from the weather, and  
16 whoever, as owner, possessor, or person having the charge or  
17 custody of an animal, cruelly drives or works it when unfit for  
18 labor, or willfully abandons it, or carries it, or causes it to be  
19 carried in or upon a vehicle, or otherwise, in an unnecessarily  
20 inhumane manner which might endanger the animal carried  
21 thereon, or knowingly and willfully authorizes or permits it to be  
22 subjected to unnecessary torture, suffering or cruelty of any kind  
23 shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by  
24 imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or both.

