
By Mr. Atsalis of Barnstable, petition of Demetrius J. Atsalis for legislation to require pet shops to provide basic pet care information to consumers. Community Development and Small Business.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO INFORMATION PROVIDED BY PET SHOPS.

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 129 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1998
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after
3 section 39A, the following section 39A½:—

4 Section 39A½. Every person engaged in the business of oper-
5 ating a pet shop and selling pet animals on the premises, shall dis-
6 play and provide free basic care information on all birds,
7 mammals, reptiles, amphibians and fish sold on the premises. The
8 care information shall be developed with and approved by the
9 Massachusetts Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine and
10 contained on at least one 8½ by 11-inch sheet of paper that shall
11 be provided free of charge to consumers.

