

By Mr. Casey of Winchester, petition of Paul C. Casey relative to the public safety and transportation of animals. Public Safety.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION OF 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 90 is hereby amended by adding the following new  
2 section after Section 13 entitled: —

3 Section 13A. No person shall transport any animal in the back  
4 of a motor vehicle in a space intended for any load on the vehicle  
5 on a public way unless the space is enclosed or has side and tail  
6 racks to a height of at least 48 inches extending vertically from  
7 the floor, or the animal is protected by a secured container or  
8 cage, or the animal is protected by a safe and effective restraining  
9 harness device, in a manner which will prevent the animal from  
10 being thrown, falling, or jumping from the vehicle. Whoever vio-  
11 lates the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of  
12 not more than twenty-five dollars.

