

By Mr. Feeney of Boston, petition of the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association, Inc., that provision be made for a penalty for persons willfully injuring police dogs or police horses. The Judiciary.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

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AN ACT PERTAINING TO WILLFULL INJURIES TO POLICE DOGS AND HORSES.

*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 is hereby amended by adding the following new  
2 section:—

3 “*Section 77A.* Whoever willfully tortures, torments, beats,  
4 kicks, strikes, mutilates, injures, disables or otherwise mistreats,  
5 such dog or horse owned by a Police Department or Police Agency  
6 of the Commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions or  
7 whoever, willfully by any action whatsoever, interferes with the  
8 lawful performance of such dog or horse shall be punished by a fine  
9 of not less than one hundred dollars and not more than five  
10 hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than two and a  
11 half years or both. Persons violating this section may be arrested  
12 without a warrant by any Officer qualified to serve criminal pro-  
13 cess provided said offense is committed in his presence.”

