

HOUSE No. 4367

By Mr. Nelson of New Bedford, petition of David Robert Nelson for legislation to prohibit the keeping of skunks as domestic pets. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE KEEPING OF SKUNKS AS DOMESTIC PETS.

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 inserting
- 2 after section 80G the following section:—
- 3 *Section 80H.* No person shall sell, offer to sell, give away or
- 4 otherwise dispose of any skunk, and no person shall capture, trap,
- 5 take, or keep any skunk as a domestic pet. Whoever violates the
- 6 provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than
- 7 one hundred dollars.

