

HOUSE No. 4557

By Mr. Natsios of Holliston (by request), petition of Harold Holst for legislation to prohibit merit rating surcharges from being imposed following accidents resulting from the avoidance of striking animals. Insurance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT MERIT RATING SURCHARGES SHALL NOT BE IMPOSED FOLLOWING ACCIDENTS RESULTING FROM AVOIDANCE OF STRIKING 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 The fourth paragraph of section 113P of chapter 175 of the
- 2 General Laws, as appearing in section 18 of chapter 266 of the acts
- 3 1976, is hereby amended by adding the following clause: —
- 4 (e) accidents resulting from the insured's vehicle avoiding the
- 5 striking of an animal on any way, street, road or highway.

