

HOUSE No. 1224

By Mr. Small of Truro (by request), petition of Charles F. Riordan (Director of the Division of Livestock Disease Control) for legislation relative to the expense of quarantine of animals. Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Eight.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE EXPENSE OF QUARANTINE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section twenty-nine of chapter one hundred and
2 twenty-nine of the General Laws is hereby amended
3 by adding to the last paragraph the words: — except
4 for animals quarantined for biting or scratching a
5 person, in which case the expense for quarantine shall
6 be paid by the city or town in which the injury was
7 inflicted, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 29.* If
8 animals have been quarantined, collected or isolated
9 upon the premises of the owner or of the person in
10 possession of them at the time such quarantine is
11 imposed, the expense thereof shall be paid by such
12 owner or person; but if specific animals have been
13 quarantined or isolated under section eight or twenty-
14 one for more than ten days upon such premises, as
15 suspected of being affected with a contagious disease,

16 and the owner is forbidden to sell any of the product
17 thereof for food, or if animals have been quarantined,
18 collected or isolated on any premises other than those
19 of such owner or person in possession thereof, the
20 expense of such quarantine shall be paid by the
21 commonwealth, except for animals quarantined for
22 biting or scratching a person, in which case the expense
23 for quarantine shall be paid by the city or town in
24 which the injury was inflicted.