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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Bradford R. Hill**

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General  
 Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the regulation of animal shelters.

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PETITION OF:

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to the regulation of animal shelters.

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

Amend Chap 129 of the general laws by inserting the following:

Section 39E: Animal Shelters and Rescue (rehoming) Organizations

SECTION 1.

Definitions:

“Shelter” – Any 501 (c)3 organization or other IRS not for profit status organization, that finds homes for unowned animals.

“Rescue Organization” – A 501 (c)3 organization or other IRS not for profit status organization other than a shelter as defined in this act that arranges for transfer of unowned dogs and cats to temporary or permanent homes in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

“Department” – Department of Agricultural Resources