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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**James M. Murphy**

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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 practicing veterinary medicine.

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PETITION OF:

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to the practicing veterinary medicine.

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

Section 58 Chapter 112 of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby amended by adding at the end of the subsection 3 the following:

The medical treatment and rehabilitation of wildlife (clientless animals “owned” by the state) by licensed 501 c 3 humane organizations conducted under the general supervision and control of an animal care and use committee which is comprised of an in-house veterinarian, a staff member, and outside veterinarian, and a member of general public appointed by the organizations board of directors and approved by the board of veterinary medicine.

Furthermore section 58 of Chapter 112 in subsection 6 is amended by adding after the word “livestock” the following:

Or wildlife