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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**James Arciero (BY REQUEST)**

*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 damages for the malicious injury to pets.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Mary Trombetta

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

78 Harvard Road  
Littleton, MA 01460

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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## AN ACT RELATIVE TO DAMAGES FOR THE MALICIOUS INJURY TO 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 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 174D the  
2 following section:-

3 Section 174E. In suits for damages for malicious injury or the killing of a pet, such damages may  
4 include emotional distress and loss of companionship.