

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Demetrius J. Atsalis

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 requiring pet shop owners to provide basic pet care information to consumers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Demetrius J. Atsalis

Second Barnstable

Kevin Aguiar

7th Bristol

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT REQUIRING PET SHOP OWNERS TO PROVIDE BASIC PET CARE INFORMATION TO
CONSUMERS.

*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 1. Chapter 129 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 39A, the following section 39A½:—

3 Section 39A½. Every person engaged in the business of operating a pet shop and selling pet animals on the
4 premises, shall display and provide free basic care information on all birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians and fish
5 sold on the premises. The care information shall be developed with and approved by the Massachusetts Board of
6 Registration in Veterinary Medicine and contained on at least one 8 ½ by 11-inch sheet of paper that shall be
7 provided free of charge to consumers.