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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Bradford R. Hill**

*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.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Bradford R. Hill

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

4th Essex

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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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:*

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

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

4 SECTION 1.

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6 Definitions:

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

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

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15 "Department" – Department of Agricultural Resources