

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Daniel K. Webster

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 vicious dogs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Daniel K. Webster

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

6th Plymouth

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2004 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO VICIOUS DOGS.

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. Section 157 of Chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting the
2 following language after the words “in which case such order shall be reversed”: - During the ten days
3 following the order of such selectmen, officer in charge of the animal commission or persons charged
4 with the responsibility of handling dog complaints or county commissioners, and during the pendency of
5 a petition in the district court praying for review of said order, including the pendency of a request for a
6 de novo hearing on the petition before a justice of the court, the selectmen, officer in charge of animal
7 commission or persons charged with the responsibility of handling dog complaints or county
8 commissioners may order said dog restrained as may be deemed necessary.