



**OPPOSE HB1968 – An Act Relative to the Destruction of Dangerous Dogs
(Rep. Callahan)**

Referred to Joint Committee on Municipalities & Regional Government

Position paper is in progress – see below for bill text.

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HOUSE No. 1968

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jennifer M. Callahan, Paul Kujawski

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 destruction of dangerous dogs.

Jennifer M. Callahan 18th Worcester
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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION

SEE HOUSE, NO. 1917 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DESTRUCTION OF DANGEROUS DOGS.

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

Section 164 of chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in lines 4 and 5 the words "not more than twenty-five dollars" and inserting in place thereof the following:- \$2,000

CURRENT LAW TO BE AMENDED

Chapter 140: Section 164. Failure to kill, confine or restrain dog after notice

Section 164. A person who owns or keeps a dog, and who has received such notice and does not within twenty-four hours kill such dog or thereafter keep it on his premises or under the immediate restraint and control of some person, shall be punished by a fine of not more than twenty-five dollars; and any police officer, constable or dog officer may kill such dog if it is found outside of the enclosure of its owner or keeper and not under his immediate care.