



**HEARING**  
**05/11/11 1:00 PM**  
**State House**  
**Room A-1**

**HB2886 – An Act Regulating the Sale of Dogs  
(Rep. Coakley-Rivera)**

Referred to Joint Committee on Municipalities & Regional Government

**PROBLEM:**

Puppies and kittens sold at less than 8 weeks of age.

**WHAT THIS BILL DOES:**

This bill would prohibit the sale of puppies and kittens under the age of 8 weeks by hobby breeders as well as commercial kennels and pet shops.

**NO POSITION:**

MassFed has no position on HB2886 – text of the bill is provided below. We support the version as written the Chapter 140 revision – SB1033.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

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**Bill Text for HB2886 (HD3135) of 2011-2012 Session  
An Act regulating the sale of dogs  
Prime sponsor: Representative Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera (D)**

Chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following section:

Section 138B. No person, commercial establishment, pet shop, firm or corporation shall sell in the commonwealth a dog or cat less than 8 weeks of age. Violation of this section shall result in a \$100 fine per offense.