



**SUPPORT HB85 – An Act Requiring Pet Shop Owners to Provide Basic Pet Care Information to Consumers (Rep. Atsalis)**

Referred to Joint Committee on Community Development & Small Business

**WHAT THIS BILL DOES:**

Requires at least one 8.5x11" page of basic care information free of charge for all birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians and fish sold in pet shops.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

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Bill Text for HB85 (HD78) of 2011-2012 Session

**An Act requiring pet shop owners to provide basic pet care information to consumers**

Prime sponsor: **Representative Demetrius J. Atsalis (D)**

SECTION 1. Chapter 129 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 39A, the following section 39A<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>:-

'''''''''' Section 39A<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>. Every person engaged in the business of operating a pet shop and selling pet animals on the premises, shall display and provide free basic care information on all birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians and fish sold on the premises. The care information shall be developed with and approved by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine and contained on at least one 8 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> by 11-inch sheet of paper that shall be provided free of charge to consumers.