

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patrick O'Connor

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act banning the sale of cats and dogs in commercial pet shops.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Patrick O'Connor

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Plymouth and Norfolk

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In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)

An Act banning the sale of cats and dogs in commercial pet shops.

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 39A of chapter 129 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking the first
2 paragraph and replacing it with the following new paragraphs:-

3 1. Prohibition of sale in pet shops. Except as provided in subsection 2, a pet shop may
4 not sell, deliver, offer for sale, barter, auction or otherwise dispose of a cat or dog.

5 2. Exceptions. The following are exceptions to the provisions of subsection 1:

6 (a) A public or private charitable nonprofit animal shelter, humane society or animal
7 rescue organization;

8 (b) A pet shop offering a cat or dog owned by an entity in paragraph A for purposes of
9 adoption of the cat or dog by a member of the public; or

10 (c) A pet shop offering for sale a cat or dog that was born and raised by the owner of the
11 pet shop in a separate facility.

12 3. Penalties. A person who violates this section commits a civil violation for which a
13 fine of \$2,500 is adjudged.