



HEARING
9/12/17 1:00pm
State House
Room A1

**SUPPORT SB457 – An Act to Provide Additional Funding
for Animal Welfare and Safety Programming
[Sen. Mark Montigny (D)]**

Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture

What this bill does:

Assigns fines the Agriculture Department collects for animal violations to the Homeless Animal Prevention and Care Fund.

Why You should Support It:

The key to this bill, assigning a specific use for fines the Agriculture Department collects for animal violations, is what the money will be spent on. The Homeless Animal Prevention and Care Fund helps low income people take care of their pets and also supports training of animal control officers. It is very underfunded and this bill would help.

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SENATE No. 457

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mark C. Montigny

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 to provide additional funding for animal welfare and safety programming.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>	
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2017</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2017</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2017</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Natalie Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>

SENATE No. 457

By Mr. Montigny, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 457) of Mark C. Montigny, Jack Lewis, David M. Rogers, Denise Provost and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide additional funding for animal welfare and safety programming. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 445 OF 2015-2016.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**
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An Act to provide additional funding for animal welfare and safety programming.

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 37 of chapter 129 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following words in line 10 after the figure
3 “\$10,000”.-

4 Such fines shall not revert to the General Fund and shall instead be deposited in the
5 Homeless Animal Prevention and Care Fund, as established by Section 35ww of chapter 10 of
6 General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition; and shall be available for use in
7 subsequent fiscal years.