

HOUSE No. 2004

By Mr. Webster of Hanson, petition of Daniel K. Webster and Frank M. Hynes relative to vicious dogs. Municipalities and Regional Government.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO VICIOUS DOGS.

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 157 of Chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting the following language after the words “in
3 which case such order shall be reversed”:— During the ten days
4 following the order of such selectmen, officer in charge of the
5 animal commission or persons charged with the responsibility of
6 handling dog complaints or county commissioners, and during the
7 pendency of a petition in the district court praying for review of said
8 order, including the pendency of a request for a de novo hearing on
9 the petition before a justice of the court, the selectmen, officer in
10 charge of animal commission or persons charged with the responsi-
11 bility of handling dog complaints or county commissioners may
12 order said dog restrained as may be deemed necessary.