

HOUSE No. 3865

By Ms. Callahan of Sutton, petition of Jennifer M. Callahan relative to suits for damages for malicious injuries to pets. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO DAMAGES FOR THE MALICIOUS INJURY TO PETS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
- 2 after section 174D the following section:—
- 3 Section 174E. In suits for damages for malicious injury or the
- 4 killing of a pet, such damages may include emotional distress and
- 5 loss of companionship.