

SENATE NO. 1173

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE LICENSURE OF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS

*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 136A of chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the definition of “Dog officer” and inserting in place
3 thereof the following definition:-

4 “Animal control officer” or “Dog officer”, an officer appointed under section 151.

5 SECTION 2. The first paragraph of section 147A of said chapter 140, as so appearing, is hereby
6 amended by adding the following sentence:- A by-law or ordinance may require that a person
7 receive certain training before being employed as an animal control officer. The training shall
8 include, but not be limited to, attending a certificate program offered by the Animal Control
9 Officers Association of Massachusetts. An incumbent animal control officer, if so required, shall
10 complete the certificate program not later than 1 year after the effective date of the by-law or
11 ordinance.