

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1710**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Patricia D. Jehlen**

*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

**An Act to Protect Animals.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Patricia D. Jehlen	Second Middlesex
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
Ellen Story	3rd Hampshire

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine  
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## AN ACT TO PROTECT ANIMALS.

*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 34D of chapter 208 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the full sentence beginning at line 25 through line 31, and  
3 inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

4           In all instances where an outstanding warrant exists, a judge shall make a finding, based upon all  
5 of the circumstances, as to whether an imminent threat of bodily injury exists to the petitioner or to a  
6 domesticated animal. In all instances where such an imminent threat of bodily injury to a human being or  
7 a domesticated animal is found to exist, the judge shall notify the appropriate law enforcement officials of  
8 such finding and such officials shall take all necessary actions to execute any such outstanding warrant as  
9 soon as is practicable.