

SB2347 - An Act to protect animal welfare and safety in cities and towns	
Sponsor:	Senate Rules
Cosponsors:	No Cosponsors
Related Bills:	SB2332, HB4565, SB2646
Summary:	<p>Amends various laws regarding animal cruelty in the Commonwealth. in particular, the bill increases fines imposed for violation of dog control laws, and adds a fine of \$50 for an initial offense; increases the penalty for violation of laws related to the licensing and registration of dogs, the operation of kennels and the sale or delivery of unlicensed dogs from \$50 to \$500 for an initial offense, and for \$1,000 for a subsequent offense; requires animal control officers to report suspected abuse of elderly persons or disabled persons discovered in the course of their duties; requires employees of the Disabled Persons Protection Commission, the Department of Elder Affairs, or contractors for the departments, to report suspected animal cruelty, abuse or neglect discovered in the course of their duties;</p> <p>The bill prohibits the euthanization of animals by drowning and imposes criminal fines and terms of imprisonment; amends the reporting of animal cruelty, abuse or neglect by employees or contractors of the Department of Children and Families discovered in the course of their duties; changes numerous areas of the criminal code regarding animal cruelty; imposes fines for the listed crimes related to animal cruelty, including willfully injuring police dogs and horses, exhibition of wild animals, sale of foals under five months, devocalization of cats and dogs and cropping or cutting of dog ears; prohibits and criminalizes sexual contact between humans and animals in any way; prohibits homeowners and insurers rental policies from refusing to cover damage from certain breeds of dogs;</p> <p>The bill requires apartment lessors to inspect the premises for abandoned animals within 3 days of the property being vacated; requires lessors to inform animal services of any abandoned animals and imposes a fine up to \$500 for a first offense and up to \$1,000 for each subsequent offense for failure to do so; amends provisions regarding the seizure of animals intended or engaged in animal fighting, by eliminating provisions mandating their destruction and permitting turning them over to an appropriate animal care organization to determine if they are suitable for adoption.</p> <p>(New draft of SB2232. The new draft makes largely grammatical and technical changes to the previous text, and increases the penalties relative to motor vehicles striking, injuring or killing dogs or cats.)</p>
Filed Text PDF:	http://instatrac.com/MA/2017_2018/pdfs/SB2347.FIL.pdf

Citations:	MGL 6:178C, MGL 10, MGL 10:35WW, MGL 19A, MGL 19A:15, MGL 19C, MGL 19C:1, MGL 21A, MGL 22C, MGL 22C:57, MGL 90B, MGL 90B:8, MGL 112, MGL 119:21, MGL 119:85, MGL 186A, MGL 130, MGL 131, MGL 131:10, MGL 131:21A, MGL 131:65, MGL 131A, MGL 131A:4, MGL 140, MGL 140:136A, MGL 140:137C, MGL 140:173A, MGL 175, MGL 186, MGL 218:26, MGL 233:20B, MGL 239, MGL 239:4, MGL 244, MGL 266:112, MGL 266:132, MGL 272, MGL 272:34, MGL 272:77, MGL 272:79, MGL 272:80E, MGL 272:80H, MGL 272:91, MGL 276:58A; MGL 131B MGL 186:30 MGL 244:41 MGL 272:77C MGL 40:2ID
Categories:	Business; Business - Alcohol/Tobacco/Marijuana; Business - Business Regulation; Business - Food/ Agriculture; Business - Pets/Animals/Zoos; Crimes; Crimes - Civil Infractions; Crimes - Property Crimes; Domestic Relations; Domestic Relations - Wills/ Trusts/Probate; Environment; Environment - Clean Air/Water; Health Care; Health Care - Health Professionals; Housing; Housing - Landlord/Tenant; Human Services; Human Services - Abuse/Neglect; Human Services - Disabled Persons; Human Services - Elderly/Aging; Human Services - Status Offenders; Insurance; Insurance - Medicaid/ MassHealth; Judiciary; Judiciary - Civil Procedure; Judiciary - Courts; Judiciary - Criminal Procedure; Local Government; Public Safety; Public Safety - Police/Fire; Public Safety - Sex Offenders; State Government; State Government - Constitutional Officers; State Government - Governor/Executive; State Government - Pensions/Retirement; State Government - Professional Licensure; State Government - State Employees; Transportation; Transportation - MBTA/RTAs/Railroads; Transportation - Motor Vehicles/RMV;
Intro Date:	2018-04-09
Progress:	Engrossed - 2nd Chamber
Status:	Conference committee appointed in the House (CC/ H)
Last Action:	07/31/18 - S - Conference committee recommended substituting new draft - see SB2646

Complete History:

03/15/18 - S - Printed-as-amended version of SB2332
03/15/18 - H - Received in the House
03/15/18 - H - Referred to House Committee on Ways & Means
06/06/18 - H - Reported favorably as amended by House Ways and Means
06/06/18 - H - New text recommended - see HB4565
06/06/18 - H - Referred to House Committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling
06/06/18 - H - Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session with the amendment pending
06/06/18 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (House Ways and Means)
06/06/18 - H - New text substituted - see HB4565
06/06/18 - H - Ordered to a third reading
06/06/18 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #2 - Rep. Berthiame)
06/06/18 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #3 - Rep. Gentile)
06/06/18 - H - Amendment(s) NOT adopted (Amendment #8 - Rep. Howitt)
06/06/18 - H - Amendment(s) adopted (Amendment #11 - Rep. Sanchez)
06/06/18 - H - Passed to be engrossed (145/0)
07/17/18 - S - Non-concurred in House amendment(s)
07/17/18 - S - Conference committee appointed (Sens. Montigny, Hinds, Tarr)
07/17/18 - H - Insists on its amendment(s)
07/17/18 - H - Conference committee appointed (Reps. Kafka, O'Day, Muradian)
07/26/18 - H - Conference committee appointed (Reps. Peake, O'Day, Muradian) (Rep. Kafka has been replaced by Rep. Peake at his own request)
07/31/18 - S - Conference committee recommended substituting new draft - see SB2646