

INTRODUCTION

The following is all of the available legislative history regarding M.G.L. c. 131, § 65A, criminalizing internet hunting – a practice whereby computer-users view animals via/ a computer camera and shoot at them by clicking on a mouse linked to a remote-controlled rifle.

The history is broken down into two sections. Section I contains all material available on Westlaw, the MA General Court’s website, and the State House News Service.

Section II contains the actual file accumulated by the bill’s sponsor, Senator Thomas Creedon. Initially, Senator Creedon’s office informed me that the file was lost. Thomas Brophy, a representative in the Senator’s office, told me that the MSPCA had duplicates of all of the material contained in the Senator’s file, as it was “their bill.” Mr. Brophy put me in contact with Kara Holmquist, a lobbyist with the MSPCA, and she provided me with their file. Afterwards, Mr. Brophy called to inform me that the file had been located. Upon review, he was correct in that not only did the MSPCA have all of the material found in the Senator’s file, but in-fact the MSPCA’s file was much more extensive.



SECTION 1

**Materials Available via/ the MA General
Court Website, the State House News
Service & Westlaw**