



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND FIVE

AN ACT

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

<<SECTION 1. Chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 138A the following section:--

Section 138B. No public or private shelter shall import dogs or cats for subsequent adoption from any other country, United States territory, Hawaii or Alaska. The shelters shall keep such records as required from commercial establishments and shall report to the commissioner of public health. In addition to the above required records the shelter shall include the following information

- (a) The species, gender, approximate age, color and distinctive markings and breed of the dog or cat;
- (b) The name, address and driver license number or other official state identification number of the person providing the dog or cat, if known;
- (c) The place of origin of the dog or cat (city, country and state of origin)
- (d) The date of acquisition or birth of the dog or cat;
- (e) The date and nature of disposition of the dog or cat; and
- (f) The intended destination of the dog or cat at release.>>