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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera

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:

An Act to protect trees in public parks.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera	*10th Hampden*
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	*12th Hampden*
Benjamin Swan	*11th Hampden*

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By Ms. Coakley-Rivera of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2803) of Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr. and Benjamin Swan relative to the penalty for the destruction of trees in public parks. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
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, NO. *3518* OF 2009-2010.]

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An Act to protect trees in public parks.

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

Chapter 266 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 98A, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section98A. Whoever willfully, intentionally and without right, or wantonly and without cause destroys, defaces, mars or injures any playground apparatus, equipment, trees or native flora, located in a public park or playground shall be punished by a fine or not more than $2,000.