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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John D. Keenan

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 relative to historic homes.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
John D. Keenan	*7th Essex*
Bruce J. Ayers	*1st Norfolk*
Susan C. Fargo	☐ *[District]* ☐
Ann-Margaret Ferrante	*5th Essex*
Steven L. Levy	*4th Middlesex*
Denise Provost	*27th Middlesex*
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	*12th Hampden*

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By Mr. Keenan of Salem, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 442) of John D. Keenan and others for legislation to impose a penalty for the damaging of historic homes. The Judiciary.

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An Act relative to historic homes.

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 inserting after section 95 the following section: -

Section 95A.

In this section, "historic home" shall mean any dwelling house listed upon the register of the Massachusetts historical society and identified by a plaque identifying the homestead as an historic homestead.

Whoever willfully, intentionally and without right removes items from, including, but not limited to, copper gutters, copper wiring, aluminum or brick; displaces, destroys, defaces, mars or injures the walls, wainscoting or any other part of any historical home, or the appurtenances there of, by cutting, breaking, writing or otherwise, shall be punished by a fine of not less than $100 and not more than $1000 or by imprisonment for not more than 2 years. Any person convicted under the provisions of this section shall in addition to the fine assessed, reimburse the historic home owner for the total amount of damage incurred.