

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2803**

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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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to protect trees in public parks.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>1/21/2011</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>1/26/2011</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>

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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.

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

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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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:*

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

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