

HOUSE No. 1257

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>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	

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By Ms. Coakley-Rivera of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1257) of Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera and Benjamin Swan relative to the penalty for the destruction of trees in public parks. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2803 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

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, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by striking out section 98A 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.