

HOUSE No. 1424

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John D. Keenan and Joan B. Lovely

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 relative to historic homes.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>John D. Keenan</i> | <i>7th Essex</i> | <i>1/17/2013</i> |
| <i>Joan B. Lovely</i> | <i>Second Essex</i> | |
| <i>Colleen M. Garry</i> | <i>36th Middlesex</i> | |
| <i>Cory Atkins</i> | <i>14th Middlesex</i> | |
| <i>Christine E. Canavan</i> | <i>10th Plymouth</i> | |

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By Representative Keenan of Salem and Senator Lovely, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1424) of John D. Keenan, Joan B. Lovely and others for legislation to impose a penalty for the damaging of historic homes. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 442 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen
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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:

1 An Act relative to historic homes

2 Chapter 266 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 95 the
3 following section: -

4 Section 95A.

5 In this section, “historic home” shall mean any dwelling house listed listed in the State
6 Register of Historic Places established and maintained by the Massachusetts Historical
7 Commission pursuant to G. L. c. 9, section 26C or identified by a plaque identifying the
8 homestead as an historic homestead pursuant to G. L. c. 9, section 27D.

9 Whoever willfully, intentionally and without right removes items from, including, but not
10 limited to, copper gutters, copper wiring, aluminum or brick; displaces, destroys, defaces, mars
11 or injures the walls, wainscoting or any other part of any historical home, or the appurtenances
12 there of, by cutting, breaking, writing or otherwise, shall be punished by a fine of not less than
13 \$100 and not more than \$1000 or by imprisonment for not more than 2 years. Any person
14 convicted under the provisions of this section shall in addition to the fine assessed, reimburse the
15 historic home owner for the total amount of damage incurred.