

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3206**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Kathi-Anne Reinstein***

*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 the removal of veterans commemorative flag holders.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kathi-Anne Reinstein</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/15/2013</i>

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By Ms. Reinstein of Revere, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3206) of Kathi-Anne Reinstein for legislation to impose a penalty for the removal of American flags and fire and police commemorative medallions from burial places. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 969 OF 2011-2012.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to the removal of veterans commemorative flag holders.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 75 of chapter 272 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 1, the word “, flags”.

3           SECTION 2. Said section 75 of said chapter 272, as so appearing, is hereby further  
4 amended by adding the following paragraph:—

5           No person shall remove an American Flag or Commemorative Flag Holder (or so-called  
6 medallions), commemorative flag holders representing service in the fire and police department,  
7 from any grave, tomb, monument or burial lot in any cemetery or other place of burial. A  
8 violation of this paragraph shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by  
9 imprisonment for not more than 6 months.