

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

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Peter J. Durant***

*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 theft of military service medals.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2014</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Shaunna O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>2/28/2014</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>2/27/2014</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>2/27/2014</i>
<i>Matthew A. Beaton</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>2/27/2014</i>
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>	<i>2/27/2014</i>
<i>Gailanne M. Cariddi</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>3/2/2014</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/27/2014</i>
<i>Christopher G. Fallon</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/27/2014</i>
<i>Carole Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>	<i>2/27/2014</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>2/27/2014</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>2/27/2014</i>
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>3/3/2014</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>2/28/2014</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>2/27/2014</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/27/2014</i>

<i>George N. Peterson, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>	<i>2/27/2014</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>3/3/2014</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/27/2014</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>3/5/2014</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>	<i>2/28/2014</i>

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By Mr. Durant of Spencer, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Peter J. Durant and others relative to the theft of military service medals. The Judiciary.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen**  
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An Act relative to theft of military service medals.

*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 adding the following section:-

2 Section 70A. For purposes of this section, the term “military service medal” shall mean  
3 any medal or cross awarded to a member of the armed forces of the United States, or a family  
4 member thereof, for his or her service in the armed forces, including but not limited to the  
5 Congressional Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, Air Force Cross,  
6 Coast Guard Cross, Silver Star, Bronze Star, Distinguished Flying Cross Purple Heart Medal,  
7 and military ribbons. “Military service medal” shall not include citations or commendations.

8 (b) Whoever steals, or with intent to defraud obtains by a false pretense, or whoever  
9 unlawfully, and with intent to steal or embezzle, converts, or secretes with intent to convert, a  
10 military service medal of another, whether the medal is or is not in his or her possession at the  
11 time of the conversion or secreting, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not  
12 less than 3 years for each military service medal that is stolen, converted or secreted.