

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul K. Frost and Michael O. Moore

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 sale of veterans' grave markers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>10/23/2014</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>10/27/2014</i>
<i>Matthew A. Beaton</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>10/27/2014</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>	<i>10/29/2014</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>10/29/2014</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>10/27/2014</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	<i>10/27/2014</i>
<i>Leah Cole</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>	<i>10/27/2014</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>10/27/2014</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>10/27/2014</i>

HOUSE No.

By Representative Frost of Auburn and Senator Michael O. Moore, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul K. Frost, Michael O. Moore and others relative to the sale of veterans' grave markers. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen

An Act relative to the sale of veterans' grave markers.

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 272 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 73A the
2 following section:-

3 Section 73B. (a) Whoever sells or attempts to sell a veteran's grave marker, other than a
4 person authorized by law to sell such a marker, shall be punished by a fine of not more than
5 \$5,000.

6 (b) Whoever receives, retains or disposes of a veteran's grave marker or other structure or
7 thing designed to commemorate the grave of a veteran, which the person knows or should know
8 to be stolen, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$5,000; provided, however, that no
9 such penalty shall be imposed upon a person who receives or retains such veteran's grave marker
10 or other structure or thing with the intent to return it to a cemetery, a member of law
11 enforcement, a member of the department of veterans services or a non-profit veterans' services
12 group, or a veteran's agent of a town, or upon a person who in fact disposes of such veteran's
13 grave marker or other structure or thing in a like manner.

14 (c) upon the second or more offenses, whoever sells or attempts to sell a veteran's grave
15 marker, other than a person authorized by law to sell such a marker, shall be punished by
16 imprisonment in the state prison for not more than five years or by imprisonment in the jail or
17 house of correction for not more than two and one-half years and by a fine of not more than five
18 thousand dollars.