

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1600**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Todd M. Smola***

*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 providing further penalties for intentional loss or damage to a gravestone or other grave marker..

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Todd M. Smola*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*1st Hampden*

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By Mr. Smola of Warren, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1600) of Todd M. Smola for legislation to provide for the payment of restitution for the intentional loss or damage to gravestones or other grave markers. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 622 OF 2013-2014.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act providing further penalties for intentional loss or damage to a gravestone or other grave marker..

*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 73 of chapter 272 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:- In addition, the court  
3 shall order the defendant to pay restitution to the owner of the property damaged, destroyed,  
4 mutilated, defaced, inured or removed.