

HOUSE No. 3174

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

RoseLee Vincent

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:

RoseLee Vincent

16th Suffolk

Carole A. Fiola

6th Bristol

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By Ms. Vincent of Revere, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3174) of RoseLee Vincent and Carole A. Fiola 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.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3206 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**
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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.