

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1519**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Joan B. Lovely*

*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 historic homes.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>
<i>Paul Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Lovely, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1519) of Joan B. Lovely, Paul Tucker, Brian M. Ashe, Chris Walsh and others for legislation to impose a penalty for the damaging of historic homes. Revenue.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1424 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 historic homes.

*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 inserting after section 95 the  
2 following section:-

3 Section 95A.

4 In this section, “historic home” shall mean any dwelling house listed listed in the State  
5 Register of Historic Places established and maintained by the Massachusetts Historical  
6 Commission pursuant to G. L. c. 9, section 26C or identified by a plaque identifying the  
7 homestead as an historic homestead pursuant to G. L. c. 9, section 27D.

8 Whoever willfully, intentionally and without right removes items from, including, but not  
9 limited to, copper gutters, copper wiring, aluminum or brick; displaces, destroys, defaces, mars

10 or injures the walls, wainscoting or any other part of any historical home, or the appurtenances  
11 there of, by cutting, breaking, writing or otherwise, shall be punished by a fine of not less than  
12 \$100 and not more than \$1000 or by imprisonment for not more than 2 years. Any person  
13 convicted under the provisions of this section shall in addition to the fine assessed, reimburse the  
14 historic home owner for the total amount of damage incurred.