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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Robert L. Hedlund

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 littering fines.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Robert L. Hedlund	*Plymouth and Norfolk*
Bruce E. Tarr	*First Essex and Middlesex*
Richard J. Ross	*Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex*
Viriato M. deMacedo	*Plymouth and Barnstable*
Donald F. Humason, Jr.	*Second Hampden and Hampshire*
Ryan C. Fattman	*Worcester and Norfolk*
David F. DeCoste	*5th Plymouth*

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By Mr. Hedlund, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 837) of Robert L. Hedlund, Richard J. Ross, Viriato M. deMacedo, Donald F. Humason, Jr. and others for legislation relative to littering fines. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *740* OF 2013-2014.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to littering fines.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 16 of chapter 270 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

A person while operating or as a passenger of a motor vehicle shall not deposit or cause to be deposited garbage, paper, refuse, bottles, cans, rubbish or trash of any kind or nature on any public or private property without permission of the owner, tenant or lessee of such property.

Any operator or passenger of a motor vehicle found in violation by a law enforcement official shall be subject to a citation without criminal complaint and fine of not less than one hundred dollars for their first offense.

Any operator or passenger of a motor vehicle found in violation by a law enforcement official shall be subject to a citation without criminal complaint and fine of not less than five hundred dollars for their second offense.

Any operator or passenger of a motor vehicle found in violation by a law enforcement official shall be subject to a citation with criminal complaint and fine of not less than one thousand dollars for their third offense.