

SENATE No. 1132

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr, (BY REQUEST)

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 banning the "Confederate flag" in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Thomas Kozachek, PhD

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

293 Granite Street, Rockport, MA

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By Mr. Tarr (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1132) of Thomas Kozachek, PhD for legislation to ban the "Confederate flag" in the Commonwealth. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to banning the "Confederate flag" in the Commonwealth.

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 Massachusetts General Laws as appearing in the 2018 edition is
2 hereby amended by adding after Section 107, the following: - "Section 108. Displaying, Flying,
3 and or establishing the use of the Confederate flag.

4 Whosoever flies, displays, erects, or uses the Confederate flag in any manner shall be
5 considered having been attempted to enforce racially motivated hate, fear, and sedition. Anyone
6 having been convicted of flying, displaying, erecting, or using the Confederate flag shall be
7 punished by a fine of no more than \$1,000, no less than \$500 and by imprisonment in the State
8 prison no more than four, nor less than two and a half years.

9 The Confederate flag is defined as but not limited to the rectangular flag of red
10 with two blue stripes intersecting to form an X, with thirteen white stars inside it. The stars being
11 arranged one star in the center, and three in each arm of the X. Other formations may include the
12 same shape format but inverse color spectrum, with a red X on a blue body; and any other form

- 13 of the flag colloquially known as the Stars and Bars used by the Confederate States of America
- 14 from 1861 to 1865.