

HOUSE No. 4507

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kevin G. Honan

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 increasing the maximum amount of fines which may be imposed for violations of ordinances in the city of Boston.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/19/2024</i>

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By Representative Honan of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4507) of Kevin G. Honan (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston be authorized to increase the maximum amount of fines which may be imposed for violations of ordinances in said city. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act increasing the maximum amount of fines which may be imposed for violations of ordinances in the city of Boston.

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 35 of Chapter 448 of the Acts of 1854, as amended by Chapter 48
2 of the Acts of 1989 and Section 102 of Chapter 341 of the Acts of 1989, is hereby further
3 amended by striking in the second sentence the words "three hundred" and inserting in place
4 thereof the words: --"two thousand".

5 SECTION 2. Section 35 of Chapter 448 of the Acts of 1854, as so appearing, is hereby
6 further amended by inserting thereafter the following new paragraph:--

7 The maximum fine set forth in this section shall be adjusted for inflation, round to the
8 nearest hundred dollars, on January 1, 2025, and on January 1 every five years thereafter based
9 on the annual percentage change in the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor
10 Statistics, Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the Boston-Cambridge-
11 Newton, Mass.-N.H. Core Based Statistical Area, all items, or its successor index.

12 SECTION 3. The provisions of this act are severable and if any provision, or portion
13 thereof, should be held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent
14 jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions,
15 which remain in full force and effect.

16 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.