

SENATE No. 1629

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 theft of graves.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i>	<i>Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester</i>	<i>2/13/2025</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>Worcester and Hampshire</i>	<i>3/13/2025</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>3/27/2025</i>
<i>Rodney M. Elliott</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/27/2025</i>
<i>John J. Marsi</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>	<i>4/2/2025</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>7/14/2025</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>9/16/2025</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1629) of Bruce E. Tarr and Jacob R. Oliveira for legislation relative to the larceny that violates graves, cemeteries and burial grounds.. Public Health.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

An Act relative to the theft of graves.

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

1 Notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary, no person shall possess or
2 sell, offer for sale or attempt to sell, or transfer or dispose of any monument, gravestone, marker,
3 or other structure, or any portion or fragment thereof, placed or designed for a memorial of the
4 dead, or any fence, railing, gate, plot delineator, or curb, knowing or having reasonable cause to
5 know that it has been unlawfully removed from a cemetery or burial ground.