

SENATE No.

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:

Bruce E. Tarr

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Essex and Middlesex

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