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HOUSE . . . . . No. 3206

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kathi-Anne Reinstein

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 removal of veterans commemorative flag holders.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Kathi-Anne Reinstein	*16th Suffolk*

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By Ms. Reinstein of Revere, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3206) of Kathi-Anne Reinstein for legislation to impose a penalty for the removal of American flags and fire and police commemorative medallions from burial places. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *969* OF 2011-2012.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to the removal of veterans commemorative flag holders.

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 75 of chapter 272 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 1, the word “, flags”.

SECTION 2. Said section 75 of said chapter 272, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by adding the following paragraph:—

No person shall remove an American Flag or Commemorative Flag Holder (or so-called medallions), commemorative flag holders representing service in the fire and police department, from any grave, tomb, monument or burial lot in any cemetery or other place of burial. A violation of this paragraph shall be punished by a fine of not more than $1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 6 months.