

HOUSE No. 1176

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Nicholas A. Boldyga

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 flag desecration.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>

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By Mr. Boldyga of Southwick, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1176) of Nicholas A. Boldyga and others relative to flag desecration. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**
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An Act relative to flag desecration.

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 5 of Chapter 264 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking out the words “shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars or by
3 imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.” And inserting “shall be punished by a fine of
4 not less than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment in a house of correction for not more than
5 two and one half years, or both.”