

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1257**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera***

*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to protect trees in public parks.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera*

*10th Hampden*

*Benjamin Swan*

*11th Hampden*

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By Ms. Coakley-Rivera of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1257) of Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera and Benjamin Swan relative to the penalty for the destruction of trees in public parks. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION

SEE

HOUSE  
 , NO. 2803 OF 2011-2012.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act to protect trees in public parks.

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

1 Chapter 266 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by striking out section 98A and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

3 Section98A. Whoever willfully, intentionally and without right, or wantonly and without  
4 cause destroys, defaces, mars or injures any playground apparatus, equipment, trees or native  
5 flora, located in a public park or playground shall be punished by a fine or not more than \$2,000.