

HOUSE No. 3518

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
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
Thomas P. Kennedy	Second Plymouth and Bristol
Christine E. Canavan	10th Plymouth
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Cory Atkins	14th Middlesex

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT TO PROTECT TREES IN PUBLIC PARKS.

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

3 Chapter 266: Section 98A is amended by substituting the following;

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