

HOUSE No. 00442

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John D. Keenan

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 relative to historic homes.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>John D. Keenan</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>
<i>Susan C. Fargo</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>
<i>Ann-Margaret Ferrante</i>	<i>5th Essex</i>
<i>Steven L. Levy</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>

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By Mr. John D Keenan of Salem, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 00442) of Angelo J. Puppolo and others for legislation to impose a penalty for the damaging of historic homes. Joint Committee on the Judiciary.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to historic homes.

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

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by
- 2 the authority of the same, as follows:
- 3 Chapter 266 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 95 the following
- 4 section: -
- 5 Section 95A.
- 6 In this section, “historic home” shall mean any dwelling house listed upon the register of the
- 7 Massachusetts historical society and identified by a plaque identifying the homestead as an
- 8 historic homestead.
- 9 Whoever willfully, intentionally and without right removes items from, including, but not limited
- 10 to, copper gutters, copper wiring, aluminum or brick; displaces, destroys, defaces, mars or

11 injures the walls, wainscoting or any other part of any historical home, or the appurtenances
12 there of, by cutting, breaking, writing or otherwise, shall be punished by a fine of not less than
13 \$100 and not more than \$1000 or by imprisonment for not more than 2 years. Any person
14 convicted under the provisions of this section shall in addition to the fine assessed, reimburse the
15 historic home owner for the total amount of damage incurred.