

**SENATE . . . . . No. 939**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Richard J. Ross***

*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 vandalism and tagging.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/14/2017</i>

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By Mr. Ross, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 939) of Richard J. Ross and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to vandalism and tagging. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to vandalism and tagging.

*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 126B of chapter 266 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended in line 11 by striking the words “fifteen hundred” and  
3 inserting in place thereof the words “two thousand”.

4           SECTION 2. Said section 126B of chapter 266, as so appearing, is hereby further  
5 amended in line 21 by striking the word “obliteration.” and inserting in place thereof the  
6 following:- “obliteration; and provided, however, that if the property marked, injured, marred,  
7 defaced or destroyed is a war or veterans’ memorial, monument or gravestone, or a religious  
8 memorial or monument, the fine under this section shall be doubled and the person convicted  
9 shall be ordered to perform not less than 500 hours of court-approved community service.”

10           SECTION 3. Section 126A of chapter 266, as so appearing, is hereby amended in line 8  
11 by striking the words “not more than fifteen hundred” and inserting in place thereof the words  
12 “not less than two thousand”.

13           SECTION 4. Said section 126A, as so appearing, is hereby amended in lines 21-22 by  
14 inserting after the words “gravestone,” the following words:- “or a religious memorial or  
15 monument.”.