

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1310

By Mr. Ayers of Quincy, petition of Bruce J. Ayers that provision be made for a minimum mandatory sentence for the willful destruction of burial tombs and grave markers. The Judiciary.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MANDATORY SENTENCE FOR DESTRUCTION,  
DEFACEMENT OR DAMAGE TO BURIAL TOMBS AND GRAVE MARKERS.

*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 73 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
3 inserting after the word “not”, as appearing in line 12, the following  
4 new text:— “less than one thousand dollars and not”.

1 SECTION 2. Section 73 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding  
3 at the end thereof the following text:—  
4 “The sentence imposed under this section shall not be reduced to  
5 less than 6 months, nor suspended, nor shall any person convicted  
6 under this section be eligible for probation, parole or furlough or  
7 receive any deduction from his sentence for good conduct until he  
8 shall have served no less than 6 months of such sentence. Prosecu-  
9 tions commenced under this section shall neither be continued  
10 without a finding nor placed on file. The provisions of section 87-  
11 seven of chapter 276 shall not apply to a person charged with a  
12 violation of this section.”