

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 3716

By Ms. Reinstein of Revere, petition of Kathi-Anne Reinstein for legislation to impose a penalty for the removal of American flags and fire and police commemorative medallions from burial places. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REMOVAL OF VETERANS COMMEMORATIVE FLAG HOLDERS.

*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 75 of chapter 272 of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
3 striking out, in line 1, the word “, flags”.

1 SECTION 2. Said section 75 of said chapter 272, as so  
2 appearing, is hereby further amended by adding the following  
3 paragraph:— No person shall remove an American Flag or Com-  
4 memorative Flag Holder (or so-called medallions), commemora-  
5 tive flag holders representing service in the fire and police  
6 department, from any grave, tomb, monument or burial lot in any  
7 cemetery or other place of burial. A violation of this paragraph  
8 shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by impris-  
9 onment for not more than 6 months.