

SENATE NO. 1206

AN ACT RELATIVE TO REGULATING THE POSTING OF SIGNS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

*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. Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by inserting, after section 33, the following new section:-

3 Section 33A. Upon acceptance of this section by a city or town, with the approval of the local
4 governing body, a municipality may adopt provisions to prohibit the posting of unauthorized signs,
5 bills or posters on any municipal traffic control device, utility pole, lamp post or other municipally-
6 owned buildings, structures or trees. Exceptions may be provided to allow for the temporary posting of
7 certain signs, bills or posters deemed to be acceptable, including, but not limited to, those advertising
8 yard sales or lost pets, provided the signs, bills or posters are removed within a reasonable time frame,
9 as determined by the municipality. When enforcing the provisions of this section, a city or town may
10 assess reasonable fines against any individual or company found to be in violation of this section.