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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera**

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*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 to protect trees in public parks.

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PETITION OF:

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act to protect trees in public parks.

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

Chapter 266: Section 98A is amended by substituting the following;

Section98A. Whoever willfully, intentionally and without right, or wantonly and without cause destroys, defaces, mars or injures any playground apparatus, equipment, trees or native flora, located in a public park or playground shall be punished by a fine or not more than two thousand dollars.