

By Mr. Cahir of Bourne, petition of Jeremiah F. Cahir for legislation to establish a five year moratorium on the excavation of known Indian burial grounds. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FIVE YEAR MORATORIUM ON THE EXCAVATION OF KNOWN INDIAN BURIAL GROUNDS.

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 27 of chapter 9 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by adding the following subsection: —

3 *Section 27D.* There shall be a five year moratorium on the
4 excavation of known Indian burial grounds for the purpose of
5 permitting the Massachusetts Commission on Indian Affairs, and
6 other appropriate state agencies to evaluate current practices and
7 develop practices acceptable to the aforementioned agencies.

8 In the event of an inadvertent excavation of Indian burial
9 grounds such specimens as are obtained therefrom shall be dis-
10 posed of in accordance with procedures acceptable to the Massa-
11 chusetts Commission on Indian Affairs and appropriate state
12 agencies.

13 This amendment shall be in force for a period not to exceed five
14 years from the date of enactment of this act.

REPORT OF THE

COMMISSIONERS OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ON THE 15TH MARCH 1900