

HOUSE No. 2055

Bill accompanying the petition of John Dixwell and another for legislation to extend the liability of cemetery corporations for injuries to graves or ornaments thereon. Legal Affairs. March 4.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirteen.

AN ACT

To extend the Liability of Cemetery Corporations for Injuries to Graves or Ornaments thereon.

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

1 A cemetery corporation, which, without authority, by
2 its agents, servants, permanent or temporary employees
3 destroys, mutilates, defaces, injures, or removes a tomb,
4 monument, gravestone or other structure or thing which
5 is placed or designed for a memorial of the dead, or a
6 fence, railing, curb or any other thing whatsoever which
7 is intended for the protection or ornament of the tomb,
8 monument, gravestone, or destroys, mutilates, removes,
9 cuts, breaks or injures a tree, shrub or plant, placed or
10 being within such enclosure, or disturbs the contents of
11 a tomb or grave, or removes flowers, flags or memorial

12 tokens from any grave, tomb, monument or burial lot
13 in its cemetery, shall forfeit for every such act not less
14 than twenty-five nor more than two hundred dollars, to
15 be recovered in an action of tort against the said cor-
16 poration, one-half thereof to accrue to the benefit of the
17 county where said action is brought, and the remainder
18 thereof for the benefit of the person bringing said action.

