

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 543.

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[Bill accompanying the petition of Trustees of Public Reservations.  
Judiciary.]

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-eight.

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### AN ACT

Relative to the defacement of Natural Scenery and Natural  
Objects by Painting, Posting, etc.

*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 one hundred and two of chapter  
2 two hundred and three of the Public Statutes is hereby  
3 amended as follows: by inserting after the word  
4 "structure" in the second line of said section the word  
5 "pole" and by inserting after the word "another" in  
6 the third line of said section the words "whether within  
7 or without the limits of the highway" and by inserting in  
8 the fourth line thereof before the word "consent" the  
9 word "written" so that the whole section shall read as  
10 follows:—

11 *Section 102.* Whoever paints, or puts upon, or in

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12 any manner affixes to any fence, structure, pole, rock or  
13 other natural object the property of another, whether  
14 within or without the limits of the highway, any words,  
15 device, trade-mark, advertisement, or notice, not re-  
16 quired by law to be posted thereon, without first obtain-  
17 ing the written consent of the owner of such property,  
18 shall, on complaint of such owner, or his tenant, or some  
19 municipal officer, be punished by fine not exceeding ten  
20 dollars.

1 SECTION 2. Any word, device, trade-mark, adver-  
2 tisement or notice, painted, put up or affixed within the  
3 limits of a highway in violation of the provisions of the  
4 preceding section of this act, shall be conclusively  
5 deemed to be a public nuisance; and may be forthwith  
6 removed, or obliterated, and abated by any person.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on the first day  
2 of July in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight.



