

HOUSE No. 3128

By Mr. King of Boston, petition of Melvin H. King, Sandra Graham and Doris Bunte for legislation to require the removal of writings on certain buildings. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REMOVAL OF WRITINGS ON CERTAIN BUILDINGS.

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

1 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the
2 department of public works in each of the cities and towns within
3 the commonwealth is hereby directed to removal all so-called
4 "graffiti" from the walls of all public buildings. Any so-called
5 "graffiti" appearing on the walls of private buildings shall be
6 removed within twenty-four hours of its appearing, unless within
7 that time the owner of said private building certifies in writing to
8 the secretary of state that the removal of said graffiti would be in
9 violation of the owner's right to free speech guaranteed under the
10 first amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

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