

1 S.151

2 Introduced by Senator Illuzzi

3 Referred to Committee on Economic Development, Housing & General Affairs

4 Date: January 3, 2012

5 Subject: Crimes and criminal procedure; trespass and malicious injury to  
6 property; grave markers and ornaments

7 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to prohibit a business or metal dealer  
8 from buying, selling, or giving anything of value in exchange for any  
9 ornament, token, flag holder, emblem, or metal taken from the grave marker of  
10 a veteran.

11 ~~An act relating to veterans' grave markers~~

*An act relating to grave markers*

12 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

13 ~~Sec. 1. 9 V.S.A. chapter 86 is added to read:~~

14 ~~CHAPTER 86. PURCHASE OF VETERANS' GRAVE MARKERS~~

15 ~~§ 3221. VETERANS' GRAVE MARKERS AND ORNAMENTS~~

16 ~~(a) A business or metal dealer shall not purchase, accept, or give anything~~  
17 ~~of value in exchange for any ornament, token, flag holder, emblem, or metal~~  
18 ~~taken from the grave marker of a veteran.~~

19 ~~(b) A business or metal dealer that violates this section shall be fined up to~~  
20 ~~\$1,000.00 per violation.~~

1 ~~(c) For purposes of this section, "metal dealer" means any individual, firm,~~  
2 ~~corporation, or partnership engaged in the business of purchasing and reselling~~  
3 ~~recyclable metal either at a permanently established place of business or in~~  
4 ~~connection with a business of an itinerant nature, including junk shops,~~  
5 ~~junkyards, or junk stores.~~

*Sec. 1. 9 V.S.A. chapter 86 is added to read:*

CHAPTER 86. PURCHASE OF GRAVE MARKERS

§ 3221. GRAVE MARKERS AND ORNAMENTS

(a) A scrap metal processor as defined in 9 V.S.A. § 3021 shall not knowingly purchase or give anything of value in exchange for a metal grave marker, or any grave ornament or flag holder bearing a description or an emblem from any branch of the United States armed services or a police or fire department or which bears the designation "veteran."

(b) A scrap metal processor that violates this section shall be fined up to \$5,000.00 per violation.