



**SUPPORT SB1478 – An Act to Preserve the Eternal Bonds  
Between People and Their Animals – Sen. Mark Montigny (D)**

**SUPPORT HB2234 – An Act Relative to the Burial of Pets – Rep. David Biele (D)**

Referred to Joint Committee on Public Health

**WHAT THESE BILLS DO:**

These bills will allow any town, city, cemetery corporation or other entity legally responsible for the maintenance or operation of a cemetery to allow co-interment of human and animal remains including cremated remains.

**WHY YOU SHOULD SUPPORT THESE BILLS:**

These bills will allow, but do not require, the option to bury animal remains with humans. Towns or cemeteries can make the decision to allow or not allow this, and individuals can select burial locations that allow this option if it is important to them.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

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**SENATE . . . . . No. 1478**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Mark C. Montigny***

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to preserve the eternal bonds between people and their animals.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Mark C. Montigny*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Second Bristol and Plymouth*

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1478**

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By Mr. Montigny, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1478) of Mark C. Montigny for legislation to allow humans and their pets remains to be buried together. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1300 OF 2019-2020.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act to preserve the eternal bonds between people and their animals.

*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. Chapter 114 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

3           Section 52. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a town, city,  
4 cemetery corporation or other entity legally responsible for the maintenance or operation of a  
5 cemetery or burial place may allow co-interment of both human and animal remains including  
6 cremated remains. Such entity may issue their own policies on fees, interments, and other  
7 requirements.

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2234**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*David Biele*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the burial of pets.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>David Biele</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2234**

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By Mr. Biele of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2234) of David Biele relative to the co-interment of both human and animal remains. Public Health.

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