



**SUPPORT SB1310 – An Act to Preserve the Eternal Bonds  
Between People and Their Animals  
Sen. Mark C. Montigny (D)**

Referred to Joint Committee on Municipalities & Regional Government

**WHAT THIS BILL DOES:**

Allows 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 THIS BILL:**

SB1310 allows, but does 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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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Mark C. Montigny***

*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.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Mark C. Montigny*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Second Bristol and Plymouth*

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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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.