



**House
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**REMOVAL OF MEMORIAL GRAVE
MARKERS: INCREASE FINES**

House Bill 5496

Sponsor: Rep. Alan Cropsey

**Committee: Senior Citizens and Veterans
Affairs**

Complete to 2-20-96

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5496 AS INTRODUCED 12-14-95

Currently, to remove, destroy, deface, or carry away a flag holder, U.S. flag, or other memorial flag placed for memorial purposes at a grave of a veteran of the armed forces without authority from the person originally placing the flag is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$5 to \$50, imprisonment for up to 90 days, or both. The bill would increase the maximum fine to \$500.

MCL 35.833

House Bill 5496 (2-20-96)

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