

HOUSE No. 3269

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

George N. Peterson, Jr.

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to fair licensing.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>George N. Peterson, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Matthew A. Beaton</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>
<i>Christine E. Canavan</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>Michael R. Knapik</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>James J. Lyons, Jr.</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Shaunna O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>

<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Michael J. Rodrigues</i>	<i>First Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Dennis A. Rosa</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>
<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>

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By Mr. Peterson of Grafton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3269) of George N. Peterson, Jr. and others relative to the licensing of firearms. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to fair licensing.

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. Section 131 of Chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
2 Official Edition, shall be amended by striking out the first paragraph in subsection (a) in lines 4
3 through 17 and replacing it with the following:-

4 A Class A license shall entitle a holder thereof to purchase, rent, lease, borrow, possess and
5 carry: (i) firearms, including large capacity firearms, and feeding devices and ammunition
6 therefor, for all lawful purposes and (ii) rifles and shotguns, including large capacity weapons,
7 and feeding devices and ammunition therefor, for all lawful purposes.

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9 SECTION 2. Section 131 of Chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
10 Official Edition, shall be further amended by striking out the first paragraph in subsection (b) in
11 lines 14 through 26 and replacing it with the following:-

12 (b) A Class B license shall entitle a holder thereof to purchase, rent, lease, borrow, possess and
13 carry: (i) non-large capacity firearms and feeding devices and ammunition therefor, for all lawful
14 purposes, (ii) rifles and shotguns, including large capacity rifles and shotguns, and feeding
15 devices and ammunition therefor, for all lawful purposes.

16 A Class B license shall not entitle the holder thereof to carry or possess a loaded firearm in a
17 concealed manner in any public way or place.

18 A Class B license shall not entitle the holder thereof to possess a large capacity firearm, except
19 under the direct supervision of a holder of a valid Class A license at a shooting club or range.

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21 SECTION 3. Section 131 of Chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
22 Official Edition, shall be further amended by striking out the first paragraph in subsection (d) in

23 lines 98 through 109 and replacing it with the following:-

24 (d) Any person residing or having a place of business within the jurisdiction of the licensing
25 authority or any law enforcement officer employed by the licensing authority or any person
26 residing in an area of exclusive federal jurisdiction located within a city or town may submit to
27 such licensing authority or the colonel of state police, an application for a Class A or Class B
28 license to carry firearms, or renewal of the same, which such licensing authority or said colonel
29 shall issue if the applicant is not a prohibited person as outlined in (i) through (vii) of this
30 subsection.

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32 SECTION 4. Section 131 of Chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
33 Official Edition, shall be further amended by striking out in subsection (f) in lines 185 through
34 187 the following:-

35 “A license may be revoked or suspended by the licensing authority if it appears that the holder
36 is no longer a suitable person to possess such license.”

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