

SENATE No. 1287

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael O. Moore

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 non-resident firearm license fees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Leah Cole</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1287) of Michael O. Moore, Leonard Mirra, Timothy R. Whelan, Leah Cole and other members of the General Court for legislation to authorize the Colonel of the State Police, or persons authorized by him, to issue temporary license to carry firearms to certain nonresidents. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3271 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**
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An Act relative to non-resident firearm license fees.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 131F, as
2 appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

3 Section 131F Nonresidents or aliens; license to carry firearms or ammunition

4 A Class A or Class B temporary license to carry firearms or feeding devices or
5 ammunition therefor, within the commonwealth, shall be issued by the colonel of state police, or
6 persons authorized by him, to a nonresident or any person not falling within the jurisdiction of a
7 local licensing authority or to a legal alien that resides inside or outside the commonwealth for
8 all lawful purposes unless the applicant “is a prohibited person as defined in the following
9 subparagraphs (i) through (v). When determining the status of a prohibited person in regards to

10 convictions, the determination shall only be made using the penalties and sentences in place at
11 the time of conviction.”

12 (i) has, in any state or federal jurisdiction, been convicted or adjudicated a youthful
13 offender or delinquent child for the commission of (a) a felony for which a committed term of
14 imprisonment has been served after sentencing has been carried out; (b) a misdemeanor
15 punishable by imprisonment for more than two years for which a committed term of
16 imprisonment has been served after sentencing has been carried out; (c) a violent crime as
17 defined in section 121; (d) a violation of any law regulating the use, possession, ownership,
18 transfer, purchase, sale, lease, rental, receipt or transportation of weapons or ammunition for
19 which a term of imprisonment may be imposed; or (e) a violation of any law regulating the use,
20 possession or sale of controlled substances, as defined in section 1 of chapter 94C for which a
21 term of imprisonment may be imposed;

22 (ii) has been confined to any hospital or institution for mental illness, unless the applicant
23 submits with his application an affidavit of a registered physician attesting that such physician is
24 familiar with the applicant’s mental illness and that in such physician’s opinion the applicant is
25 not disabled by such an illness in a manner that should prevent such applicant from possessing a
26 firearm;

27 (iii) is or has been under treatment for or confinement for drug addiction or habitual
28 drunkenness, unless such applicant is deemed to be cured of such condition by a licensed
29 physician, and such applicant may make application for said license after the expiration of five
30 years from the date of such confinement or treatment and upon presentment of an affidavit issued

31 by such physician stating that such physician knows the applicant's history of treatment and that
32 in such physician's opinion the applicant is deemed cured;

33 (iv) is currently subject to: (A) an order for suspension or surrender issued pursuant to
34 section 3B or 3C of chapter 209A or a similar order issued by another jurisdiction; or (B) a
35 permanent or temporary protection order issued pursuant to chapter 209A or a similar order
36 issued by another jurisdiction; or

37 (v) is currently the subject of an outstanding arrest warrant in any state or federal
38 jurisdiction.

39 Such license shall be valid for a period of six years.

40 The colonel may also issue such license, subject to such terms and conditions as he
41 deems proper, to any resident of the commonwealth for the purposes of sports competition.

42 A license issued under this section shall be marked "License to Carry Firearms", shall
43 clearly indicate whether it is Class A or Class B and shall not be used to purchase firearms in the
44 commonwealth as provided under section 131E. Neither a large capacity firearm nor large
45 capacity feeding device therefor may be carried unless such person has been issued a Class A
46 license; provided, however, that the colonel may permit a Class A or Class B licensee to possess
47 large capacity rifles or shotguns or both, and such entitlement shall be clearly indicated on such
48 license. The fee for an application for the license shall be \$100, which shall be payable to the
49 licensing authority and shall not be prorated or refunded in case of revocation or denial. The
50 licensing authority shall retain \$25 of the fee; \$50 of the fee shall be deposited into the general
51 fund of the commonwealth; and \$25 of the fee shall be deposited in the Firearms Fingerprint
52 Identity Verification Trust Fund. A license issued under the provisions of this section to a non-

53 resident who is in the employ of a bank, public utility corporation, or a firm engaged in the
54 business of transferring monies, or business of similar nature, or a firm licensed as a private
55 detective under the provisions of chapter one hundred and forty-seven, and whose application is
56 endorsed by his employer, or who is a member of the armed services and is stationed within the
57 territorial boundaries of the commonwealth and has the written consent of his commanding
58 officer, may be issued for any term not to exceed two years, and said licenses shall expire in
59 accordance with the provisions of section one hundred and thirty-one.

60 A license, otherwise in accordance with provisions of this section, shall be issued to a
61 nonresident employee, whose application is endorsed by his employer, of a federally licensed
62 Massachusetts manufacturer of machine guns to possess within the commonwealth a machine
63 gun for the purpose of transporting or testing relative to the manufacture of machine guns, and
64 the license shall be marked “license to possess a machine gun” and shall be issued for a period of
65 six years and shall expire in accordance with the provisions of section one hundred and thirty-
66 one.