

HOUSE No. 2495

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David Paul Linsky

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 require liability insurance for gun ownership.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>
<i>Byron Rushing</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Daniel Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>

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By Mr. Linsky of Natick, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2495) of David Paul Linsky and others for legislation to require liability insurance by gun owners. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act to require liability insurance for gun ownership.

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 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
2 following section:-

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4 Section 207. (a) Whoever possess, carries, or owns a firearm, rifle or shotgun without a
5 liability policy or bond or deposit required by the provisions of this chapter which has not been
6 provided and maintained in accordance therewith shall be punished by a fine of not less than five
7 hundred nor more than five thousand dollars or by imprisonment for not more than one year in a
8 house of correction, or both such fine and imprisonment. This section shall not apply to a person
9 who possesses a firearm, rifle, or shotgun on a temporary basis while on the premises of a
10 licensed gun club.

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12 (b) The commissioner of insurance shall promulgate regulations set forth for the
13 minimum terms of liability insurance policies which shall satisfy the requirements of this section.