

SENATE No. 1508

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James B. Eldridge

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 strengthen gun control.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/9/2023</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>3/10/2023</i>

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By Mr. Eldridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1508) of James B. Eldridge, James Arciero and Sal N. DiDomenico for legislation to strengthen gun control. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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

An Act to strengthen gun control.

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 121 of chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of “weapon” the following
3 definitions:-

4 “Frame”, the part of a firearm or variant of a firearm, that provides housing or a structure
5 for the primary energized component designed to hold back the hammer, striker, bolt, or similar
6 element, prior to initiation of the firing sequence, even if pins or other attachments are required
7 to attach the component to the housing or structure.

8 “Receiver”, the part of a rifle or shotgun, or variants thereof, that provides housing or a
9 structure for the primary component designed to block or seal the breech prior to initiation of the
10 firing sequence, even if pins or other attachments are required to connect the component to the
11 housing or structure.

12 SECTION 2. The first paragraph of section 123 of said chapter 140, as so appearing, is
13 hereby amended by inserting after the twenty-first clause the following clause:- Twenty-second,
14 That no licensee shall sell, lease, rent, transfer or deliver or offer for sale, lease, rent, transfer or
15 delivery to a person a completed or unfinished frame or receiver that is not an integrated
16 component of a fully-assembled weapon.

17 SECTION 3. Said section 123 of said chapter 140, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
18 striking out, in line 286, the words “licensing authority” and inserting in place thereof the
19 following words:- “the office of the attorney general”.

20 SECTION 4. Chapter 258E of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
21 section 4 of chapter 258E the following sections: -

22 Section 4A. Order for suspension and surrender of firearms license; surrender of
23 firearms; petition for review; hearing

24 Upon issuance of a temporary or emergency order under section five of this chapter, the
25 court shall, if the plaintiff demonstrates a substantial likelihood of immediate danger of abuse,
26 order the immediate suspension and surrender of any license to carry firearms and or firearms
27 identification card which the defendant may hold and order the defendant to surrender all
28 firearms, rifles, shotguns, machine guns and ammunition which the defendant then controls,
29 owns or possesses in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and any license to carry
30 firearms or firearms identification cards which the defendant may hold shall be surrendered to
31 the appropriate law enforcement officials in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and,
32 said law enforcement official may store, transfer or otherwise dispose of any such weapon in
33 accordance with the provisions of section 129D of chapter 140; provided however, that nothing

34 herein shall authorize the transfer of any weapons surrendered by the defendant to anyone other
35 than a licensed dealer. Notice of such suspension and ordered surrender shall be appended to the
36 copy of abuse prevention order served on the defendant pursuant to section seven. Law
37 enforcement officials, upon the service of said orders, shall immediately take possession of all
38 firearms, rifles, shotguns, machine guns, ammunition, any license to carry firearms and any
39 firearms identification cards in the control, ownership, or possession of said defendant. Any
40 violation of such orders shall be punishable by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars, or
41 by imprisonment for not more than two and one-half years in a house of correction, or by both
42 such fine and imprisonment.

43 Any defendant aggrieved by an order of surrender or suspension as described in the first
44 sentence of this section may petition the court which issued such suspension or surrender order
45 for a review of such action and such petition shall be heard no later than ten court business days
46 after the receipt of the notice of the petition by the court. If said license to carry firearms or
47 firearms identification card has been suspended upon the issuance of an order issued pursuant to
48 section five or six, said petition may be heard contemporaneously with the hearing specified in
49 the second sentence of the second paragraph of section five. Upon the filing of an affidavit by the
50 defendant that a firearm, rifle, shotgun, machine gun or ammunition is required in the
51 performance of the defendant's employment, and upon a request for an expedited hearing, the
52 court shall order said hearing within two business days of receipt of such affidavit and request
53 but only on the issue of surrender and suspension pursuant to this section.

54 Section 4B: Continuation or modification of order for surrender or suspension

55 Upon the continuation or modification of an order issued pursuant to section 4A or upon
56 petition for review as described in section 4A, the court shall also order or continue to order the
57 immediate suspension and surrender of a defendant's license to carry firearms and firearms
58 identification card and the surrender of all firearms, rifles, shotguns, machine guns or
59 ammunition which such defendant then controls, owns or possesses if the court makes a
60 determination that the return of such license to carry firearms and firearm identification card or
61 firearms, rifles, shotguns, machine guns or ammunition presents a likelihood of abuse to the
62 plaintiff. A suspension and surrender order issued pursuant to this section shall continue so long
63 as the restraining order to which it relates is in effect; and, any law enforcement official to whom
64 such weapon is surrendered may store, transfer or otherwise dispose of any such weapon in
65 accordance with the provisions of section 129D of chapter 140; provided, however, that nothing
66 herein shall authorize the transfer of any weapons surrendered by the defendant to anyone other
67 than a licensed dealer. Any violation of such order shall be punishable by a fine of not more than
68 \$5,000 or by imprisonment for not more than two and one-half years in a house of correction or
69 by both such fine and imprisonment.