

HOUSE No. 1305

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul K. Frost

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 suppressors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</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. Frost of Auburn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1305) of Paul K. Frost, Anne M. Gobi and Stephen L. DiNatale relative to instruments used for the muffling of noise from the firing of firearms . The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

An Act relative to suppressors.

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 10A of Chapter 269 of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby amended by
2 deleting the section in its entirety and inserting in its place the following:

3 Section 10A.

4 Any person found to be in possession of a firearm suppressor who is:

- 5 (a) a prohibited person under section 131 of chapter 140;
- 6 (b) in the commission of a violent crime or felony;
- 7 (c) in the commission of a crime of violence against a family member;
- 8 (d) conducting sales or has possession of controlled substances as defined in chapter

9 94C;

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11 shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than ten years in state prison or for not
12 more than two and one-half years in a jail or house of correction.

13 For the purposes of this section the term “firearm suppressor” shall have the same
14 meaning as Federal law 18 USC 921(24): The terms “firearm suppressor” mean any device for
15 silencing, muffling, or diminishing the report of a portable firearm, including any combination of
16 parts, designed or redesigned, and intended for use in assembling or fabricating a firearm silencer
17 or firearm muffler, and any part intended only for use in such assembly or fabrication.