

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2377**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Paul McMurtry***

*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 armed private security information.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>

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By Representative McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2377) of Paul McMurtry relative to armed private security guard badge information. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4169 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to armed private security information.

*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 29 of chapter 147 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official edition,  
2 is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following  
3 2 paragraphs:-

4 No licensee or employee or agent of a licensee shall use a badge of any kind for  
5 identification purposes except a guard or watchman or security guard in uniform who shall wear  
6 any such badge on the left breast of their uniform at all times while on duty. Such badge shall  
7 include a photograph and the name of the guard or watchman or security guard, but shall not  
8 contain the word “Police” or any part of the seal of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or of  
9 any political subdivision thereof. A licensee or their employee or agent may use as identification  
10 a card, approved as to form by the colonel of the state police, which shall bear the signature of

11 the licensee and, if such card is used as identification by an employee or agent, the signature of  
12 such employee or agent; provided, however, that a guard or watchman or security guard shall not  
13 substitute an identification card for the badge required by this section.

14 A licensee or employee or agent of a licensee shall carry only such weapons and  
15 equipment as are authorized by the colonel of the state police; provided, however, that if said  
16 licensee, employee or agent, is authorized to carry a firearm, as defined in section 121 of chapter  
17 140, said firearm shall be loaded while in the performance of their duties. Any guard or  
18 watchman or security guard in uniform who is carrying a weapon pursuant to this section shall  
19 wear at all times an identification badge on the left breast of their uniform which shall include a  
20 photograph and the name of the guard or watchman or security guard. A licensee, or their  
21 employee or agent, while in the performance of his duties, shall not carry an imitation firearm as  
22 defined in said section 121 of said chapter 140.