

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3269**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***George N. Peterson, Jr.***

*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 fair licensing.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>George N. Peterson, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Matthew A. Beaton</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>
<i>Christine E. Canavan</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>Michael R. Knapik</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>James J. Lyons, Jr.</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Shaunna O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>

<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Michael J. Rodrigues</i>	<i>First Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Dennis A. Rosa</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>
<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>

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By Mr. Peterson of Grafton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3269) of George N. Peterson, Jr. and others relative to the licensing of firearms. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**

An Act relative to fair licensing.

*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 131 of Chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010  
2 Official Edition, shall be amended by striking out the first paragraph in subsection (a) in lines 4  
3 through 17 and replacing it with the following:-

4 A Class A license shall entitle a holder thereof to purchase, rent, lease, borrow, possess  
5 and carry: (i) firearms, including large capacity firearms, and feeding devices and ammunition  
6 therefor, for all lawful purposes and (ii) rifles and shotguns, including large capacity weapons,  
7 and feeding devices and ammunition therefor, for all lawful purposes.

8 SECTION 2. Section 131 of Chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010  
9 Official Edition, shall be further amended by striking out the first paragraph in subsection (b) in  
10 lines 14 through 26 and replacing it with the following:-

11 (b) A Class B license shall entitle a holder thereof to purchase, rent, lease, borrow,  
12 possess and carry: (i) non-large capacity firearms and feeding devices and ammunition therefor,  
13 for all lawful purposes, (ii) rifles and shotguns, including large capacity rifles and shotguns, and  
14 feeding devices and ammunition therefor, for all lawful purposes.

15 A Class B license shall not entitle the holder thereof to carry or possess a loaded firearm  
16 in a concealed manner in any public way or place.

17 A Class B license shall not entitle the holder thereof to possess a large capacity firearm,  
18 except under the direct supervision of a holder of a valid Class A license at a shooting club or  
19 range.

20 SECTION 3. Section 131 of Chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010  
21 Official Edition, shall be further amended by striking out the first paragraph in subsection (d) in  
22 lines 98 through 109 and replacing it with the following:-

23 (d) Any person residing or having a place of business within the jurisdiction of the  
24 licensing authority or any law enforcement officer employed by the licensing authority or any  
25 person residing in an area of exclusive federal jurisdiction located within a city or town may  
26 submit to such licensing authority or the colonel of state police, an application for a Class A or  
27 Class B license to carry firearms, or renewal of the same, which such licensing authority or said  
28 colonel shall issue if the applicant is not a prohibited person as outlined in (i) through (vii) of this  
29 subsection.

30 SECTION 4. Section 131 of Chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010  
31 Official Edition, shall be further amended by striking out in subsection (f) in lines 185 through  
32 187 the following:-

33 “A license may be revoked or suspended by the licensing authority if it appears that the  
34 holder is no longer a suitable person to possess such license.”