

SENATE No. 424

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Anne M. Gobi

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 hunting with a bow and arrow.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Anne M. Gobi

Kimberly N. Ferguson

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex

1st Worcester

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By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 424) of Anne M. Gobi for legislation relative to hunting with a bow and arrow. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to hunting with a bow and arrow.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 131 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking section 57 and inserting
2 in place thereof the following new paragraph:-

3 Section 57. Except as otherwise provided in sections four, thirty-one and thirty-seven, a
4 person, on Sunday, shall not hunt any bird or mammal or carry on that day on his person a rifle,
5 or shotgun or, unless otherwise permitted by law, a pistol or revolver, in any place where birds or
6 mammals might be found. This section shall not render unlawful the possession or carrying of a
7 rifle, shotgun, pistol, revolver or bow and arrow, for the purpose of using the same on a skeet,
8 trap or target range, nor for the purpose of using the same for sport target shooting at artificial
9 targets by an owner or lessee, or his guest, upon his own or leased property, or by members or
10 guests of clubs or associations on supervised firing ranges, nor shall it prohibit the taking of
11 mammals by means of traps, nor the training of falcons or protected species, nor the exercising
12 of such falcons as regulated by the director.