

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1516**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act to prevent bulk purchasing and illegal trafficking of firearms..

*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. Subclause (j) of clause twenty-sixth of section 7 of chapter 4 of the General  
2 Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the word “cards”, in line 178, the following words: - ,  
3 but such names and addresses shall be made available to law enforcement or other investigative  
4 officials, including district attorneys, assistant district attorneys, the attorney general and  
5 assistant attorneys general for purposes of enforcing subsection (c) of section 131E of chapter  
6 140.

7           SECTION 2. Subsection (d) of section 10 of chapter 66 of the General Laws, as so  
8 appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “six”, in line 60, the following words: -  
9 , including, but not limited to, such agencies enforcing subsection (c) of section 131E of chapter  
10 140.

11           SECTION 3. Section 123 of chapter 140 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
12 hereby amended by striking the striking the words “forthwith at” in the section beginning with  
13 “Fifth,” and replacing it with the words: - within thirty minutes of.

14           SECTION 4. Section 123 of chapter 140 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
15 hereby amended by inserting after the word “condition.”, in line 229, the following sentences: -  
16 Twenty-second, That no licensee shall sell, rent or lease a firearm or large capacity weapon  
17 without first: (i) obtaining a signed declaration from the purchaser, renter or lessee, on a form  
18 furnished by the executive director of the criminal history systems board, that such individual  
19 has not purchased, rented or leased, as those terms are used in section 121 and subsection (c) of  
20 section 131E of this chapter, any firearm or large capacity weapon during the previous 30 days,  
21 or that such individual is an exempt person as set forth under subsection (c) of section 131E of  
22 this chapter; (ii) forwarding such declaration to the executive director of the criminal history  
23 systems board; and (iii) receiving notification from the criminal history systems board that the  
24 purchaser, renter or lessee has not purchased, rented or leased any firearm or large capacity  
25 weapon during the previous 30 days, or that such individual is an exempt person as set forth  
26 under subsection (c) of section 131E of this chapter. Such notification from the criminal history  
27 systems board shall be valid for no more than two business days after the criminal history  
28 systems board issues the notification, after which time the licensee must receive a new  
29 notification before completing a sale, rental or lease of a firearm or large capacity weapon to  
30 such purchaser, renter or lessee. Such declaration from the purchaser, renter or lessee shall not  
31 be a defense in any action brought against a licensee.

32           SECTION 5. Section 128 of said chapter 140 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
33 hereby amended by replacing “ or” after the word “twentieth” with “,” and inserting after the  
34 word “twenty-first”, the words: - or twenty-second.

35           SECTION 6. Section 128A of said chapter 140 of the General Laws, as so appearing,  
36 is hereby amended by striking, “reports within seven days, in writing to the executive director of

37 the criminal history systems board on forms furnished by said executive director, the names and  
38 addresses of the seller and the purchaser of any such large capacity feeding device, firearm, rifle  
39 or shotgun, together with a complete description of the firearm, rifle or shotgun, including its  
40 designation as a large capacity weapon, if applicable, the calibre, make and serial number and the  
41 purchaser's license to carry firearms number, permit to purchase number and identifying number  
42 of such documentation as is used to establish exempt person status in the case of a firearm or the  
43 purchaser's license to carry number or firearm identification card number or said document  
44 identity number, in the case of a rifle or shotgun," and inserting: - "shall complete all sales,  
45 rentals and leases of firearms, rifles, shotguns, and large capacity feeding devices through a  
46 person licensed pursuant to section 122 by delivering the firearm, rifle, shotgun, or large capacity  
47 feeding device to the licensee who shall then deliver the firearm, rifle, shotgun, or large capacity  
48 feeding device to the purchaser, renter or lessee, if the sale, rental, or lease is not prohibited, in  
49 accordance with section 123 of this chapter as if the licensee was selling, renting or leasing the  
50 firearm, rifle, shotgun, or large capacity feeding device directly to the purchaser, renter or lessee.  
51 The dealer may require the purchaser, renter or lessee to pay a fee not to exceed ten dollars (\$10)  
52 per firearm, rifle, shotgun, or large capacity feeding device."

53 SECTION 7. Paragraph (1) of section 129B of said chapter 140, as so appearing, is  
54 hereby amended by adding the following three clauses: -

55 (viii) is currently subject to: (a) an order for suspension or surrender issued pursuant to  
56 section 3B or 3C of chapter 209A or a similar order issued by another jurisdiction; or (b) a  
57 permanent or temporary protection order issued pursuant to chapter 209A or a similar order  
58 issued by another jurisdiction;

59 (ix) is currently the subject of an outstanding arrest warrant in any state or federal  
60 jurisdiction; or

61 (x) has been convicted of a violation of subsection (c) of section 131E of this chapter.”

62 SECTION 8. Paragraph (d) of section 131 of said chapter 140, as so appearing, is  
63 hereby amended by the following three subparagraphs: -

64 (vi) is currently subject to: (A) an order for suspension or surrender issued pursuant to  
65 section 3B or 3C of chapter 209A or a similar order issued by another jurisdiction; or (B) a  
66 permanent or temporary protection order issued pursuant to chapter 209A or a similar order  
67 issued by another jurisdiction;

68 (vii) is currently the subject of an outstanding arrest warrant in any state or federal  
69 jurisdiction; or

70 (viii) has been convicted of a violation of subsection (c) of section 131E of this  
71 chapter.”

72 SECTION 9. Section 131A of said chapter 140 of the General Laws, as so appearing,  
73 is hereby amended by inserting after the words “proper purpose”, in line 5, the following words:  
74 - and does not violate the firearm or large capacity weapon purchase, rental or lease limitation in  
75 subsection (c) of section 131E of this chapter.

76 SECTION 10. Section 131E of said chapter 140 of the General Laws, as so appearing,  
77 is hereby amended by adding the following subsection: -

78 (c) no person, other than an exempt person hereinafter described, shall purchase, rent  
79 or lease more than one firearm or large capacity weapon in any 30 day period. The term “rent or

80 lease” as used herein shall not apply to the rental or lease of a firearm or large capacity weapon  
81 for a duration of less than 48 hours, provided, however that such firearm is rented or leased from  
82 a licensee who is licensed under the provisions of section 122 and subject to the conditions  
83 described in section 123.

84 The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to the following persons and uses:

85 (1) Any law enforcement agency or authority;

86 (2) Any branch of the United States military, including the national guard;

87 (3) Any persons in any branch of the United States military or police officers and other  
88 peace officers who are acquiring firearms for the purposes of performing their official duties or  
89 when duly authorized by their employer to purchase them;

90 (4) Any licensed watch, guard or patrol agency or their licensed employees in the  
91 course of their employment under sections 22 and 25 of chapter 147;

92 (5) Any person who has been certified as a licensed collector by the criminal history  
93 systems board;

94 (6) A federal, state or local historical society, museum or institutional collector open to  
95 the public;

96 (7) Any exchange of a firearm or large capacity weapon for another firearm or large  
97 capacity weapon purchased, rented or leased from the licensed dealer by the same person seeking  
98 the exchange within 30 days immediately before the exchange;

99 (8) A firearms surrender program authorized by and in compliance with section 131O  
100 of this chapter.

101 A non-exempt person who purchases, rents or leases more than one firearm or large  
102 capacity weapon in any 30 day period shall be punished, for a first offense, by a fine of not more  
103 than \$1,000, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or by both such fine and  
104 imprisonment; and for any subsequent offense shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$1,000  
105 and not more than \$5,000, or by imprisonment for not more than two and one-half years, or by  
106 both such fine and imprisonment. The punishments under this subsection shall be separate from  
107 the procedures established for the denial, revocation or suspension of firearm identification  
108 cards, licenses and permits provided under this chapter.

109 Any person or licensee who sells, rents or leases a firearm or large capacity weapon to  
110 a non-exempt person under this section, with knowledge or reason to know that the person has  
111 purchased, rented or leased a firearm or large capacity weapon within the previous thirty days  
112 shall be punished, for a first offense, by a fine of not more than \$5,000 or by imprisonment of not  
113 more than two and one-half years, or by both such fine and imprisonment; and for any  
114 subsequent offense shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$1,000 and not more than \$10,000  
115 or by imprisonment for not more than five years, or by both such fine and imprisonment. These  
116 punishments shall be separate from the procedures established for the denial, revocation or  
117 suspension of firearm identification cards, licenses and permits provided under this chapter.