

HOUSE No. 1678

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act relative to deceptive weapon devices..

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 121 of Chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting the following definition:-

3 “Deceptive Weapon Device” Any device or item used in the commission of a crime that
4 is intended to convey the presence of a weapon, as defined in this section, to a potential victim or
5 law enforcement officer. Such devices or items shall include, but not be limited to, common air
6 guns, toy guns, or substances carved or fashioned to resemble a weapon.

7 SECTION 2. Chapter 265 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting a new
8 section:-

9 Section 45. Crimes committed with a deceptive weapon device

10 Any person who is in possession of a deceptive weapon device as defined in Section 121
11 of Chapter 140 of the General Laws, during the commission of a violent crime as defined in
12 Section 121 of Chapter 140 of the General Laws shall be deemed to be armed and shall be
13 punishable by penalties set forth in this Chapter.