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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 Prohibit Novelty Lighters..

*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 52A of Chapter 146 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006  
2   Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following new section:-

3           Section 52B. No person shall manufacture, store, keep for sale, sell, give away, or  
4   transport any novelty lighter. For the purposes of this section, a novelty lighter is defined as a  
5   mechanical or electrical device typically used for lighting cigarettes, cigars, or pipes that has  
6   audio or visual effects, or that resembles in physical form or function articles commonly  
7   recognized as appealing to or intended for use by children 10 years of age or younger. This  
8   includes, but is not limited to, lighter that resemble cartoon character, toys, guns, watches,  
9   musical instruments, vehicles, toy animal, food or beverages, or that play musical notes or have  
10   flashing lights or other entertaining features. A novelty lighter may operate on any fuel,  
11   including butane or liquid fuel. This section shall not apply to novelty lighters that were  
12   manufactured before January 1, 1980 or that are considered to be collectable items.

13           Whoever manufactures, stores, keeps for sale, sells, gives away, or transports any novelty  
14   lighters shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 dollars.