

HOUSE No. 2237

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act relative to non lethal self defense spray..

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, as appearing in the 2006
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the definition of “ammunition” and inserting
3 in place thereof the following definition: (“Ammunition,” cartridges or cartridge cases, primers
4 (igniter), bullets or propellant powder designed for use in any firearm, rifle or shotgun.

5 SECTION 2. Clause (6) of section 129B of said chapter 140, as so appearing, is hereby
6 amended by striking out, in lines 140 through 142, the words “A firearm identification card shall
7 be valid for the purpose of purchasing and possessing chemical mace, pepper spray or other
8 similarly propelled liquid, gas or powder designed to temporarily incapacitate.”.

9 SECTION 3. Clause (7) of said section 129B of said chapter 140, as so appearing, is
10 hereby amended by striking out in lines 154 through 158, the words “If a firearm identification
11 card is issued for the sole purpose of purchasing or possessing chemical mace, pepper spray or
12 other similarly propelled liquid, gas or powder designed to temporarily incapacitate, such card
13 shall clearly state that such card is valid for such limited purpose only.”.

14 SECTION 4. Section 131 of said chapter 140, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
15 striking out in lines 94 through 96 the words “and for purchasing and possessing chemical mace,
16 pepper spray or other similarly propelled liquid, gas or powder designed to temporarily
17 incapacitate.”.

18 SECTION 5. Section 131P of said chapter 140, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
19 striking out in lines 12 through 17 the words “; and provided further, that an applicant for a
20 firearms identification card for the sole purpose of purchasing or possessing chemical mace,
21 pepper spray or other similarly propelled liquid, gas or powder designed to temporarily
22 incapacitate shall not be required to complete a basic firearms safety course as a prerequisite for
23 receiving such card.”.