

# SENATE . . . . . No. 1001

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Nine  
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An Act relative to the sale and possession of bb..

*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 12A of chapter 269 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004  
2   Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the section in its entirety and inserting in place  
3   thereof the following section:-

4           No person shall sell an air rifle or a BB, pellet or paintball gun without first  
5   verifying the age of the buyer by requiring said buyer to produce a valid driver's license or other  
6   form of state produced picture identification containing their name, address and date of birth at  
7   the time of purchase. Under no circumstance shall an air rifle or BB, pellet or paintball gun be  
8   sold to a minor under the age of 18. Whoever sells to a minor under the age of 18 or whoever,  
9   not being a parent, guardian or adult teacher or instructor, furnishes to a minor under the age of  
10   18 an air rifle or BB, pellet or paintball gun shall be punished by a fine of five hundred dollars or  
11   by imprisonment of not more than six months.

12          SECTION 2. Section 12B of said chapter 269, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
13   striking the first sentence in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-

14                   No person under the age of 21 shall have an air rifle or BB, pellet or paintball gun  
15   in his possession in any public place to which the public has a right of access unless he is the  
16   holder of a sporting or hunting license and has on their person or possesses a Firearms  
17   Identification Card issued by the chief of police of the town in which he resides granting him the  
18   right of such possession. No person shall discharge a BB shot, pellet or other object from an air  
19   rifle or BB, pellet or paintball gun into, from or across any street, alley, public way or railroad or  
20   railroad right of way. Whoever violates this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than  
21   two hundred and fifty dollars and the gun may be confiscated. Upon conviction of a violation of  
22   this section the air rifle or BB, pellet or paintball gun shall, by the written authority of the court,  
23   be forwarded to the colonel of the state police, who may dispose of said article in the same  
24   manner as described in section ten.

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