

SENATE No. 975

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act relative to remove pepper spray from firearms identification..

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. Subsection 6 of section 129B of chapter 140 of the general laws as
2 appearing in the 2006 official edition, is hereby amended, after the words “otherwise prohibited
3 by law”, by striking out the following: -

4 “A firearm identification card shall be valid for the purpose of purchasing and possessing
5 Chemical Mace, pepper spray or other similarly propelled liquid, gas or powder designed to
6 temporarily incapacitate.”

7 SECTION 2. Subsection 7 of section 129B of chapter 140of the general laws, as so
8 appearing, is hereby amended, after the words “shall be marked ‘Firearm Identification Card’”,
9 by striking out the following:-

10 If a firearm identification card is issued for the sole purpose of purchasing or possessing
11 chemical mace, pepper spray or other similarly propelled liquid, gas or powder designed to
12 temporarily incapacitate, such card shall clearly state that such card is valid for such limited
13 purpose only.

14 SECTION 3. Section 129B of chapter 140 of the general laws, as so appearing, is hereby
15 amended by striking out subsection 9B.

16 SECTION 4. Subsection C of section 140 of chapter 131 of the general laws, as so
17 appearing, is hereby amended, after the words “capacity rifles and shotguns”, by striking out
18 the following:-

19 , and for purchasing and possessing chemical mace, pepper spray or other similarly
20 propelled liquid, gas or powder designed to temporarily incapacitate,