

SENATE No. 977

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act to further enhance public safety in the Commonwealth..

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. 8000-0110 For the creation and maintenance of an electronic database
2 system to be made available to every licensed dealer for the purpose of recording firearm sales,
3 rentals and leases in the Commonwealth..... \$2,000,000

4 SECTION 2. Section 123 of Chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004
5 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the third and fourth sentences and inserting in
6 place thereof the following:-

7 “Second, that person who is engaged in the business of selling, renting or leasing
8 firearms, rifles or shotguns shall, at the time of delivery of a firearm, record a true, accurate entry
9 in a statewide electronic database to be furnished by the executive director of the criminal history
10 systems board and to be kept for that purpose, specifying the complete description of the firearm,
11 rifle or shotgun, including the make, serial number, if any, type of firearm, rifle or shotgun, and
12 designation as a large capacity weapon, if applicable, whether sold, rented or leased, the date of
13 each sale, rental or lease, the license to carry firearms number or permit to purchase number and
14 the identification card number in the case of a firearm or the identification card number or the

15 license to carry firearms number in the case of a rifle or shotgun, the name, the sex, residence
16 and occupation of the purchaser, renter or lessee. Said person shall also record the sale of all
17 ammunition in the same manner. In addition, said purchaser, renter or lessee shall before
18 delivery, as aforesaid, personally record his electronic signature as having received said firearm.
19 Said person engaged in the business of selling, renting and leasing firearms shall verify the
20 purchaser's information and ability to possess a firearm in the electronic database prior to
21 completing any such sale, rental or lease. Said electronic record shall be open at all times to the
22 inspection of the local or state police departments.”

23 SECTION 3. Section 123 of Chapter 140, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
24 inserting in Clause Eighth after the words “Eighth, that no firearm” the following:- “or
25 ammunition for such firearm”; and by inserting after the words “rifle or shotgun” the following:-
26 “or ammunition for such firearm”; by inserting after the words “that no large capacity firearm
27 nor large capacity feeding device” the following:- “or ammunition”; and by inserting after the
28 words “no machine gun” the following:- “or ammunition for such firearm”.

29 SECTION 4. Section 123 of Chapter 140, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding
30 at the end of the fifth paragraph the following:-

31 “Under no circumstances shall a sale or transfer of such firearms, rifles, shotguns,
32 machine guns or ammunition occur outside the physical building of said collectors club or gun
33 show that would not meet the conditions for sale or transfer as set forth in the above-mentioned
34 sections.”

35 SECTION 5. Section 121 of Chapter 140, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
36 inserting after the second paragraph the following new paragraphs:-

37 “Armor Piercing Ammunition”, shall be defined as: (a) a projectile or projectile core
38 which may be used in a handgun and which is constructed entirely (excluding the presence of
39 traces of other substances) from one or a combination of tungsten alloys, steel, iron, brass,
40 bronze, beryllium copper, or depleted uranium; or (b) a full jacketed projectile larger than .22
41 caliber designed and intended for use in a handgun and whose jacket has a weight of more than
42 25 percent of the total weight of the projectile.

43 The term “armor piercing ammunition” does not include shotgun shot required by Federal
44 or State environmental or game regulations for hunting purposes or ammunition designed for
45 target shooting.”

46 Section 128 of said Chapter is further amended by inserting in the first sentence after the
47 words “shotgun” the following:- “, armor- piercing ammunition”;

48 and by inserting in the second paragraph after the words “attempted to sell” the
49 following:- “armor-piercing ammunition or”

50 Section 131 of said Chapter is hereby further amended by inserting in Clause (o) after the
51 words “machine gun” the following:- “or armor-piercing ammunition”;

52 and by inserting after the words “may issue a machine gun” the following:- “or armor-
53 piercing ammunition”

54 Section 10 of Chapter 269 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
55 inserting in the first sentence of clause (c) after the words “machine gun” the following:- “or
56 armor-piercing ammunition”.

57 SECTION 6. Section 10 of Chapter 269 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
58 amended by inserting at the end of clause (d) the following:-

59 “Whoever, after having been convicted of any offense resulting in incarceration of one
60 year or more in the state prison, further commits an offense set forth in paragraph (a), (b) or (c),
61 may be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not less than three years nor more than
62 five years; for a third such offense, by imprisonment in the state prison for not less than five
63 years nor more than seven years; and for a fourth such offense, by imprisonment in the state
64 prison for not less than seven years nor more than ten years. Said additional sentencing shall be
65 subject to the discretion of the presiding judicial authority.”

66 SECTION 7. Clause (a) of Section 10 of Chapter 269 of the General Laws, as so
67 appearing, is hereby amended by inserting in clause (a) after the words “loaded or unloaded” the
68 following:- “or ammunition”.

69 SECTION 8. Section 25 of Chapter 279 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1998
70 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 1 and 2, the words “and committed
71 to prison”

72 Said section is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 2 and 3, the words “or
73 once in this and once or more in another state, for terms of not less than three years each”.

74 Said section is hereby further amended by inserting in the first sentence after the word
75 “state”, the following words:- “or in any federal jurisdiction”.