

HOUSE No. 2166

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John V. Fernandes

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to security in all court buildings and facilities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>John V. Fernandes</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>1/20/2011</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>2/2/2011</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2011</i>
<i>James E. Timilty</i>		<i>2/1/2011</i>

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By Mr. Fernandes of Milford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2166) of John V. Fernandes and others relative to the possession of firearms by police officers in certain court facilities. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1367 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to security in all court buildings and facilities.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 220 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 14A the
2 following section:-

3 Section 14B. Police officers, as defined in section 1 of chapter 90C, shall not be
4 prohibited from carrying or possessing on their person a firearm or other protective equipment in
5 any court facility. building, courtroom or other room of any description within the control,
6 possession or use of the trial court, the appeals court or the supreme judicial court except that
7 firearms shall be prohibited from the prisoner lockup and when said officer is a personal party to
8 pending litigation or other legal matter before the court.