

HOUSE No. 2403**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.*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 non lethal self defense spray.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/20/2011</i>
<i>Marc T. Lombardo</i>	<i>22nd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/27/2011</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>1/27/2011</i>
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/2/2011</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>2/2/2011</i>
<i>Shaunna O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>2/2/2011</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>2/2/2011</i>
<i>George T. Ross</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>
<i>Matthew A. Beaton</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>
<i>Steven L. Levy</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>
<i>George N. Peterson, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>	<i>1/26/2011</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>1/21/2011</i>
<i>Viriato Manuel deMacedo</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2011</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2403) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to the issuance of licenses for the use of chemical mace. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2237 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

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 2008
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 chapter 140, as most recently amended by
6 chapter 256 of the Acts of 2010, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 140 through 142, the
7 words “A firearm identification card shall be valid for the purpose of purchasing and possessing
8 chemical mace, pepper spray or other similarly propelled liquid, gas or powder designed to
9 temporarily incapacitate.”.

10 SECTION 3. Clause (7) of section 129B of said chapter 140, as most recently amended
11 by chapter 256 of the Acts of 2010, is hereby amended by striking out in lines 154 through 158,
12 the words “If a firearm identification card is issued for the sole purpose of purchasing or
13 possessing chemical mace, pepper spray or other similarly propelled liquid, gas or powder
14 designed to temporarily incapacitate, such card shall clearly state that such card is valid for such
15 limited purpose only.”.

16 SECTION 4. Section 131 of said chapter 140, as most recently amended by chapter 256
17 of the Acts of 2010, is hereby amended by striking out in lines 94 through 96 the words “and for
18 purchasing and possessing chemical mace, pepper spray or other similarly propelled liquid, gas
19 or powder designed to temporarily incapacitate,”.

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