

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2864**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Steven M. Walsh*

*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 clarifying the technical definition of a dangerous weapon in a school zone.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Steven M. Walsh</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>1/20/2011</i>

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By Mr. Walsh of Lynn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2864) of Steven M. Walsh relative to the definition of a dangerous weapon and the possession of such weapons in the vicinity of educational facilities. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1776 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act clarifying the technical definition of a dangerous weapon in a school zone.

*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 10 of Chapter 269 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition,
- 2 is hereby amended in subsection (j) by inserting following the words “by whatever means,” the
- 3 words:- “and ‘dangerous weapon’ shall mean any other instrument reasonably believed to cause
- 4 bodily harm.”