SENATE No. 1186

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Stephen M. Brewer

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 an unloaded rifle or shotgun..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Stephen M. Brewer	Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and
	Middlesex
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	12th Hampden
Cleon H. Turner	1st Barnstable
Elizabeth A. Poirier	14th Bristol
Thomas A. Golden, Jr.	16th Middlesex
Bradford Hill	4th Essex
Paul K. Frost	7th Worcester
Viriato Manuel deMacedo	1st Plymouth
Demetrius J. Atsalis	2nd Barnstable
Anne M. Gobi	5th Worcester
Dennis A. Rosa	4th Worcester
George T. Ross	2nd Bristol
George N. Peterson, Jr.	9th Worcester
Todd M. Smola	1st Hampden
Marc T. Lombardo	22nd Middlesex
Christine E. Canavan	10th Plymouth
Randy Hunt	5th Barnstable

John J. Binienda	17th Worcester
Donald F. Humason, Jr.	4th Hampden
Richard Bastien	2nd Worcester

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By Mr. Brewer, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1186) of Stephen M. Brewer, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., Cleon H. Turner, Elizabeth A. Poirier and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to an unloaded rifle or shotgun. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE SENATE, NO. 913 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to an unloaded rifle or shotgun..

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

- SECTION 1. Section 12D of Chapter 269 of the Massachusetts General Laws shall be amended by deleting the following language:
- 3 (b) Except as exempted or provided by law, no person shall carry on his person on any 4 public way an unloaded rifle or shotgun, unless such rifle or shotgun is enclosed in a case.
- Whoever violates the provisions of this subsection shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000, and may be arrested without a warrant; provided, however, that if such unloaded rifle or shotgun is a large capacity weapon and is carried simultaneously with a fully or partially loaded large capacity feeding device, such person shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$10,000 or by imprisonment for not less than one year nor

- more than ten years, or by both such fine and imprisonment, and may be arrested without a warrant.
- This subsection shall not apply to drills, parades, military reenactments or other commemorative ceremonies, color guards or memorial service firing squads, so-called, as permitted by law.