

HOUSE No. 3265

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

George N. Peterson, 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 associated with incurred fines for delayed firearm license renewals.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>George N. Peterson, Jr.</i> | <i>9th Worcester</i> | <i>1/17/2013</i> |
| <i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i> | <i>3rd Hampden</i> | <i>1/30/2013</i> |
| <i>Thomas J. Calter</i> | <i>12th Plymouth</i> | <i>1/31/2013</i> |
| <i>Ryan C. Fattman</i> | <i>18th Worcester</i> | <i>2/1/2013</i> |
| <i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i> | <i>1st Worcester</i> | <i>2/1/2013</i> |
| <i>John V. Fernandes</i> | <i>10th Worcester</i> | <i>1/30/2013</i> |
| <i>Paul K. Frost</i> | <i>7th Worcester</i> | <i>1/31/2013</i> |
| <i>Susan Williams Gifford</i> | <i>2nd Plymouth</i> | <i>1/23/2013</i> |
| <i>Randy Hunt</i> | <i>5th Barnstable</i> | <i>1/18/2013</i> |
| <i>Kevin J. Kuros</i> | <i>8th Worcester</i> | <i>2/1/2013</i> |
| <i>Marc T. Lombardo</i> | <i>22nd Middlesex</i> | <i>1/21/2013</i> |
| <i>James R. Miceli</i> | <i>19th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/1/2013</i> |
| <i>Keiko M. Orrall</i> | <i>12th Bristol</i> | <i>2/1/2013</i> |
| <i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i> | <i>14th Bristol</i> | <i>1/23/2013</i> |
| <i>Michael J. Rodrigues</i> | <i>First Bristol and Plymouth</i> | <i>1/24/2013</i> |
| <i>David T. Vieira</i> | <i>3rd Barnstable</i> | <i>2/1/2013</i> |
| <i>Donald H. Wong</i> | <i>9th Essex</i> | <i>2/1/2013</i> |
| <i>Bradford Hill</i> | <i>4th Essex</i> | |

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By Mr. Peterson of Grafton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3265) of George N. Peterson, Jr. and others relative to the renewal of expired firearms licenses. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act associated with incurred fines for delayed firearm license renewals.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to ensure that the citizens of the Commonwealth do not incur fines associated with delayed firearm license renewals, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety.

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 129B of chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking paragraph (9) in its entirety lines and inserting in
3 place thereof the following:-

4 (9) A firearm identification card shall be valid unless revoked or suspended.

5 SECTION 2. Section 131 of chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
6 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking in paragraph (i) in lines 231 to 245, inclusive, the
7 words “A license to carry or possess firearms shall be valid, unless revoked or suspended, for a
8 period of not more than 6 years from the date of issue and shall expire on the anniversary of the
9 licensee's date of birth occurring not less than 5 years but not more than 6 years from the date of
10 issue, except that if the licensee applied for renewal before the license expired, the license shall
11 remain valid for a period of 90 days beyond the stated expiration date on the license, unless the
12 application for renewal is denied if the licensee is on active duty with the armed forces of the
13 United States on the expiration date of his license, the license shall remain valid until the
14 licensee is released from active duty and for a period of not less than 90 days following such
15 release. Any renewal thereof shall expire on the anniversary of the licensee's date of birth
16 occurring not less than 5 years but not more than 6 years from the effective date of such license.

17 Any license issued to an applicant born on February 29 shall expire on March 1.” and inserting in
18 place thereof the following:- A license to carry or possess firearms shall be valid unless revoked
19 or suspended.

20 SECTION 3. Section 131 of chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
21 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking in paragraph (i), in lines 271 to 274, the words,
22 “Any person over the age of 70 and any law enforcement officer applying for a license to carry
23 firearms through his employing agency shall be exempt from the requirement of paying a
24 renewal fee for a Class A or Class B license to carry.”