

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3267**

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**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 relative to an unloaded rifle or shotgun.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>George N. Peterson, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>	<i>1/18/2013</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>1/30/2013</i>
<i>Matthew A. Beaton</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2013</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>Christine E. Canavan</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/29/2013</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd 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>1/26/2013</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>1/25/2013</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2013</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>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>1/30/2013</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>

*Bradford Hill*  
*Randy Hunt*

*4th Essex*  
*5th Barnstable*

*1/18/2013*

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By Mr. Peterson of Grafton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3267) of George N. Peterson, Jr. and others for legislation to repeal the law regulating the carrying of unloaded rifles or shotguns. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**

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:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 12D of Chapter 269 of the Massachusetts General Laws shall be  
2 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.

5 Whoever violates the provisions of this subsection shall be punished by a fine of not less  
6 than \$100 nor more than \$1,000, and may be arrested without a warrant; provided, however, that  
7 if such unloaded rifle or shotgun is a large capacity weapon and is carried simultaneously with a  
8 fully or partially loaded large capacity feeding device, such person shall be punished by a fine of  
9 not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$10,000 or by imprisonment for not less than one year nor  
10 more than ten years, or by both such fine and imprisonment, and may be arrested without a  
11 warrant.

12 This subsection shall not apply to drills, parades, military reenactments or other  
13 commemorative ceremonies, color guards or memorial service firing squads, so-called, as  
14 permitted by law.