

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sean Garballey

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 gun safety.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>6/5/2014</i>

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By Mr. Garballey of Arlington, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Sean Garballey relative to safety technology for firearms. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen

An Act relative to gun 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. Chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 Section 131P the following section:

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4 Section 131Q. As used in Section 131Q the following words shall, unless the context
5 clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:-

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7 “External safety lock” shall mean an external device that is attached to the firearm with a
8 key or combination and is designed to prevent a firearm from being discharged.

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10 “Grip safety” shall mean a button, lever, or switch located on the handle of a firearm that,
11 when activated, prevents the gun from firing.

12 “Magazine” shall mean a box, drum, tube or other container which stores firearm
13 ammunition to be fed directly into the firearm.

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15 “Loaded chamber indicator” shall mean a mechanism on the firearm which visually alerts
16 the user that a bullet is present in the chamber, even when the magazine has been removed.

17 “Magazine disconnect device” shall mean any device fitted to a firearm that prevents the
18 firearm from firing when the magazine has been removed.

19 “Personalized firearm” shall mean a handgun which incorporates within its design, and as
20 part of its original manufacture, technology which automatically limits its operational use and
21 which cannot be readily deactivated, so that it may only be fired by an authorized or recognized
22 user. The technology limiting the handgun's operational use may include, but not be limited to:
23 radio frequency tagging, touch memory, remote control, fingerprint, magnetic encoding and
24 other automatic user identification systems utilizing biometric, mechanical or electronic system.

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26 (a) Any firearm sold in the commonwealth on or after January 1, 2015 must have the
27 following safety features incorporated in the design of the firearm: grip safety feature, loaded
28 chamber indicator, magazine disconnect device.

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30 (b) Any firearm sold in the commonwealth must incorporate technology to render it a
31 personalized firearm, once said technology has become reasonably feasible and scalable; or by
32 January 1, 2018, whichever may occur first.

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34 (c) Any firearm sold in the commonwealth prior to the passage of this Act, must be sold
35 with a locked external safety lock.