

SENATE No. 1161

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Richard T. Moore, (BY REQUEST)

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 resolution:

Resolutions relative to firearm licensing.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Walter Unruh

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

20 Bates Street Hopedale, MA 01747

SENATE No. 1161

By Mr. Richard T. Moore (by request), a petition (accompanied by resolution, Senate, No. 1161) of Walter Unruh for legislation relative to firearm licensing. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

Resolutions relative to firearm licensing.

1 Whereas, the processing of applications for firearm identification cards and licenses to
2 carry takes an inordinate amount of time;

3 Whereas, there is no logical explanation for such an undue timeframe for the review and
4 processing of applications for lawful firearm owners;

5 Whereas, such a delay may violate state law requiring processing of applications within a
6 40 day timeframe;

7 Whereas, because of this unnecessary delay, applicants are subject to potential fines and
8 may be jailed for offenses of possession of firearms without a license, of no fault of their own;

9 Whereas, every citizen of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts enjoys constitutional
10 rights to keep and bear arms in accordance with the 2nd Amendment of the Constitution of the
11 United States and Article XVII of the Constitution of the Commonwealth; and therefore be it

12 Resolved, that in the event an application, submitted in a timely fashion by an applicant,
13 is not processed within the prescribed 40 days, said applicant’s fee shall be refunded in full; and
14 be it further

15 Resolved, that said applicant’s application shall be reviewed and processed immediately
16 in accordance with the law; and be it further

17 Resolved, that said applicant’s license to carry or firearm identification card shall not be
18 suspended, revoked, or denied until such time as the application has been formally reviewed.