

HOUSE No. 2096

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael D. Brady

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 the possession of dangerous open flame devices.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Michael D. Brady

Second Plymouth and Bristol

Michelle M. DuBois

10th Plymouth

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By Mr. Brady of Brockton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2096) of Michael D. Brady and Michelle M. DuBois relative to the possession of dangerous open flame devices. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2175 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to the possession of dangerous open flame devices.

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

1 Chapter 148 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 61

3 (a) No person shall sell, keep, or offer for sale or have in his possession, or under his
4 control, or use any unmanned free-floating device, which directly or indirectly uses an open
5 flame for means of propulsion or otherwise contains an open flame therein when released.

6 (b) Whoever violates this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500
7 plus the cost of extinguishment or by imprisonment for not more than 1 month or both.

8 (c) The board may promulgate regulations governing the safe use of these devices to
9 accommodate special occasions, including but not limited to, religious or cultural needs as it
10 deems necessary.