

**SENATE . . . . . No. 414**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Anne M. Gobi*

*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 use of crossbows in hunting.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>

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By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 414) of Anne M. Gobi for legislation relative to the use of crossbows in hunting. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 713 OF 2013-2014.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to the use of crossbows in hunting.

*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 64 of Chapter 131 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 striking, in the title, the word "bows."

3           SECTION 2. Said section 64 is hereby further amended by striking the words "or any  
4 crossbow."

5           SECTION 3. Section 69 of Chapter 131 is hereby amended by deleting it in its entirety  
6 and replacing it with the following:-

7           Section 69. A person shall not carry or use a bow and arrow or crossbow while hunting  
8 unless said bow and arrow or crossbow meet such requirements as may be set by rules and  
9 regulations which the director is hereby authorized to promulgate. Such rules and regulations

- 10 shall prescribe general design, weight of pull, and type of bows and arrows or crossbows, and
- 11 shall conform to standards generally accepted for hunting purposes.