

**SENATE . . . . . No. 427**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Donald F. Humason, 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 the use of crossbows in hunting.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Viriato M. deMacedo</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Humason, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 427) of Donald F. Humason, Jr., Bruce E. Tarr, Viriato M. deMacedo, Robert L. Hedlund and other members of the General Court 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. 728 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           Chapter 131, Section 69. A person shall not carry or use a bow and arrow or crossbow  
8 while hunting unless said bow and arrow or crossbow meet such requirements as may be set by  
9 rules and regulations which the director is hereby authorized to promulgate. Such rules and

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