

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1315**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***David T. Vieira***

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*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 firearm owners protection.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>
<i>James J. Lyons, Jr.</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>
<i>Kate D. Campanale</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>

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By Mr. Vieira of Falmouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1315) of David T. Vieira and others relative to the transportation of firearms by non-residents. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2191 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to firearm owners protection.

*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 Massachusetts General Laws shall be amended by  
2     inserting the following new section;

3           Section 131Z: Notwithstanding any general, special law or regulation to the  
4     contrary any person, not being a resident of the Commonwealth, who is not otherwise prohibited  
5     under federal law from transporting, shipping, or receiving a weapon shall be entitled to transport  
6     a weapon for any lawful purpose from any place where he or she may lawfully possess and carry  
7     such weapon to any other place where he may lawfully possess and carry such weapon.

8           During such transportation the weapon shall be unloaded. Neither the weapon nor any  
9     ammunition being transported shall be readily accessible or directly accessible from the

10 passenger compartment of such transporting vehicle: Provided, That in the case of a vehicle  
11 without a compartment separate from the driver's compartment the weapon and ammunition  
12 shall be contained in a locked container other than the glove compartment or console.

13           If a person is found to be in compliance and exempt under this section no persons or  
14 property shall be detained, held or confiscated unless an arrestable offense exists outside of the  
15 parameters of this section.

16           If a person who is exempt under this section is unexpectedly delayed in their travel  
17 including but no limited to mechanical, weather, illness, flight or other commercial travel delays  
18 such person shall retain the protections of this section