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HOUSE . . . . . No. 789

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul K. Frost and Michael O. Moore

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 noise reduction devices.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Paul K. Frost	*7th Worcester*	*1/19/2017*
Joseph D. McKenna	*18th Worcester*	*1/26/2017*
Todd M. Smola	*1st Hampden*	*3/14/2018*
Peter J. Durant	*6th Worcester*	*3/14/2018*
James R. Miceli	*19th Middlesex*	*3/14/2018*
Shawn Dooley	*9th Norfolk*	*3/14/2018*
Susan Williams Gifford	*2nd Plymouth*	*3/14/2018*
Timothy R. Whelan	*1st Barnstable*	*3/14/2018*
Sheila C. Harrington	*1st Middlesex*	*3/14/2018*
Donald F. Humason, Jr.	*Second Hampden and Hampshire*	*3/14/2018*
Paul R. Heroux	*2nd Bristol*	*3/14/2018*
Chris Walsh	*6th Middlesex*	*3/14/2018*
Jonathan D. Zlotnik	*2nd Worcester*	*3/14/2018*
Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.	*5th Worcester*	*3/14/2018*
John C. Velis	*4th Hampden*	*3/14/2018*

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By Representative Frost of Auburn and Senator Moore, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 789) of Paul K. Frost and others relative to penalties for the possession of silencers or firearm noise reduction devices. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)

An Act relative to noise reduction devices.

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

Section 10A of Chapter 269 of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby amended by deleting the section in its entirety and inserting in its place the following:

Section 10A.

Any person found to be in possession of a firearm suppressor who is:

(a) a prohibited person under section 131 of chapter 140;

(b) in the commission of a violent crime or felony;

(c) in the commission of a crime of violence against a family member;

(d) conducting sales or has possession of controlled substances as defined in chapter 94C;

shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than ten years in state prison or for not more than two and one-half years in a jail or house of correction.

The term “firearm suppressor” or “firearm noise reduction device” means any device for muffling or diminishing the report of a portable firearm, including any combination of parts, designed or redesigned, and intended for use in assembling or fabricating a firearm muffler, and any part intended only for use in such assembly or fabrication. For the purposes of this section the term “firearm suppressor” or “firearm noise reduction device” shall have the same meaning as Federal Law 18 USC 921(24).