

**SENATE . . . . . No. 429**

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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>1/26/2017</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 414 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 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.