

HOUSE No. 2131

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Todd M. Smola

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 fair licensing.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>1/16/2019</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>

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By Mr. Smola of Warren, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2131) of Todd M. Smola, Peter J. Durant and Mathew J. Muratore relative to the licensing of firearms. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2507 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to fair licensing.

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 131, Chapter 140 of the general laws is hereby amended by deleting (a) and
2 replacing it with the following:-

3 (a) A Class A license shall entitle a holder thereof to purchase, rent, lease, borrow,
4 possess and carry: (i) firearms, including large capacity firearms, and feeding devices and
5 ammunition therefor, for all lawful purposes; and (ii) rifles and shotguns, including large
6 capacity weapons, and feeding devices and ammunition therefor, for all lawful purposes.

7 Section 131, Chapter 140 of the general laws is hereby amended by deleting the first
8 paragraph of (d) and replacing it with the following:-

9 (d) Any person residing or having a place of business within the jurisdiction of the
10 licensing authority or any law enforcement officer employed by the licensing authority or any
11 person residing in an area of exclusive federal jurisdiction located within a city or town may
12 submit to the licensing authority or the colonel of state police, an application for a license to
13 carry firearms, or renewal of the same, which the licensing authority or the colonel shall issue if
14 the applicant is not a prohibited person as set forth in this section.

15 Section 47 of Chapter 284 of the Acts of 2014 is hereby further amended by deleting the
16 section in its entirety and replacing it with the following:-

17 SECTION 47. Said section 131 of said chapter 140, as so appearing, is hereby further
18 amended by striking out paragraph (a), and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

19 (a) A license shall entitle a holder thereof of a license to purchase, rent, lease, borrow,
20 possess and carry: (i) firearms, including large capacity firearms, and feeding devices and
21 ammunition therefor, for all lawful purposes; and (ii) rifles and shotguns, including large
22 capacity weapons, and feeding devices and ammunition therefor, for all lawful purposes.

23 Section 48 of Chapter 284 of the Acts of 2014 is hereby further amended by deleting the
24 first paragraph of the section in its entirety and replacing it with the following:-

25 SECTION 48. Said section 131 of said chapter 140, as so appearing, is hereby further
26 amended by striking out paragraph (d) and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

27 (d) Any person residing or having a place of business within the jurisdiction of the
28 licensing authority or any law enforcement officer employed by the licensing authority or any
29 person residing in an area of exclusive federal jurisdiction located within a city or town may

30 submit to the licensing authority or the colonel of state police, an application for a license to
31 carry firearms, or renewal of the same, which the licensing authority or the colonel shall issue if
32 the applicant is not a prohibited person, as set forth in this section.