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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marjorie C. Decker

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 requiring licensed gun owners to submit a yearly affidavit.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Marjorie C. Decker	*25th Middlesex*	*1/18/2019*
Ruth B. Balser	*12th Middlesex*	*2/24/2019*
Antonio F. D. Cabral	*13th Bristol*	*2/27/2019*
Joanne M. Comerford	*Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester*	*2/25/2019*
Mindy Domb	*3rd Hampshire*	*2/1/2019*
Mary S. Keefe	*15th Worcester*	*1/28/2019*
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*	*2/1/2019*
David Paul Linsky	*5th Middlesex*	*2/22/2019*
Rebecca L. Rausch	*Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex*	*3/1/2019*
Maria Duaime Robinson	*6th Middlesex*	*2/1/2019*

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By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3576) of Marjorie C. Decker and others for legislation to require licensed gun owners to submit yearly affidavits. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act requiring licensed gun owners to submit a yearly affidavit.

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

SECTION 1. Paragraph (8) of section 129B of chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "information", in line 299, the following words: – or who fails to annually notify the licensing authority pursuant to paragraph (11A).

SECTION 2. Said section 129B, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after paragraph 10 the following paragraph:–

(11A) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (9), a cardholder shall annually verify by written notice, in the form of a sworn affidavit or declaration to the licensing authority that issued such card, that the cardholder has not lost a firearm or had a firearm stolen from the cardholder's possession since the date of the cardholder's last renewal or issuance.

SECTION 3. Subsection (h) of said section 131, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “information”, in line 399, the following words:– or who fails to annually notify the licensing authority pursuant to subsection (l).

SECTION 4. Subsection (l) of section 131 of said chapter 140, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:– The holder of each such license to carry a firearm shall annually verify by written notice, in the form of a sworn affidavit or declaration to the licensing authority that issued such license, that the license holder has not lost a firearm or had a firearm stolen from the license holder's possession since the date of the license holder's last renewal or issuance.