

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 846**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Smitty Pignatelli***

*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:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>	<i>1/14/2019</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>	<i>1/15/2019</i>
<i>Dean A. Tran</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>

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By Mr. Pignatelli of Lee, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 846) of Smitty Pignatelli and others for legislation relative to the use of crossbows in hunting. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 447 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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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 Chapter 131, Section 69. A person shall not carry or use a bow and arrow or crossbow  
8 while hunting unless said bow and arrow or crossbow meet such requirements as may be set by  
9 rules and regulations which the director is hereby authorized to promulgate. Such rules and

- 10 regulations shall prescribe general design, weight of pull, and type of bows and arrows or
- 11 crossbows, and shall conform to standards generally accepted for hunting purposes.