

# SENATE . . . . . No. 1365

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Michael D. Brady*

*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 possession of dangerous open flame devices.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Michael D. Brady*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Second Plymouth and Bristol*

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By Mr. Brady, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1365) of Michael D. Brady for legislation relative to the possession of dangerous open flame devices. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1282 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 possession of dangerous open flame devices.

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

1           Chapter 148 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2           Section 61

3           (a) No person shall sell, keep, or offer for sale or have in his possession, or under his  
4 control, or use any unmanned free-floating device, which directly or indirectly uses an open  
5 flame for means of propulsion or otherwise contains an open flame therein when released.

6           (b) Whoever violates this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 plus  
7 the cost of extinguishment or by imprisonment for not more than 1 month or both.

8           (c) The board may promulgate regulations governing the safe use of these devices to  
9   accommodate special occasions, including but not limited to, religious or cultural needs as it  
10   deems necessary.