

SENATE No. 1420

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Donald F. Humason, Jr.

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 equitable firearm license fees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	
<i>Dean A. Tran</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Mr. Humason, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1420) of Donald F. Humason, Jr., Dean A. Tran and David Allen Robertson for legislation relative to equitable firearm license fees. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1318 OF 2017-2018.]

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

An Act relative to equitable firearm license fees.

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 129B of Chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, shall be amended by striking paragraph (9A) in lines 187 to 197 and replacing it
3 with the following:- (9A) Except as provided in clause (9B) or (9C), the fee for an application for
4 a firearm identification card shall be \$40, which shall be payable to the licensing authority and
5 shall not be prorated or refunded in the case of revocation or denial. The licensing authority shall
6 retain \$20 of the fee; \$20 of the fee shall be deposited in the General Fund. Notwithstanding any
7 general or special law to the contrary, licensing authorities shall deposit quarterly that portion of
8 the firearm identification card application fee which is to be deposited into the General Fund, not
9 later than January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1 of each year.

10 SECTION 2. Section 131 of Chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
11 Official Edition, shall be amended by striking out in paragraph (i) in lines 231 to 254 the words,
12 “The fee for the application shall be \$100, which shall be payable to the licensing authority and
13 shall not be prorated or refunded in case of revocation or denial. The licensing authority shall
14 retain \$25 of the fee; \$50 of the fee shall be deposited into the general fund of the
15 commonwealth and not less than \$50,000 of the funds deposited into the General Fund shall be
16 allocated to the Firearm Licensing Review Board, established in section 130B, for its operations
17 and that any funds not expended by said board for its operations shall revert back to the General
18 Fund; and \$25 of the fee shall be deposited in the Firearms Fingerprint Identity Verification
19 Trust Fund.” and replacing it with the following:- The fee for the application shall be \$40, which
20 shall be payable to the licensing authority and shall not be prorated or refunded in case of
21 revocation or denial. The licensing authority shall retain \$20 of the fee; \$20 of the fee shall be
22 deposited into the general fund of the commonwealth and not less than \$50,000 of the funds
23 deposited into the General Fund shall be allocated to the Firearm Licensing Review Board,
24 established in section 130B, for its operations and that any funds not expended by said board for
25 its operations shall revert back to the General Fund.