

HOUSE No. 2438

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: |
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| <i>Marjorie C. Decker</i> | <i>25th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/12/2021</i> |
| <i>David M. Rogers</i> | <i>24th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/26/2021</i> |
| <i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i> | <i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i> | <i>5/14/2021</i> |
| <i>Julian Cyr</i> | <i>Cape and Islands</i> | <i>5/16/2021</i> |

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By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2438) of Marjorie C. Decker and David M. Rogers for legislation to require licensed gun owners to submit yearly affidavits. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3576 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

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:

1 SECTION 1. Paragraph (8) of section 129B of chapter 140 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word
3 “information”, in line 302, the following words: – or who fails to annually notify the licensing
4 authority pursuant to paragraph (11A).

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

7 (11A) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (9), a cardholder shall annually verify
8 by written notice, in the form of a sworn affidavit or declaration to the licensing authority that

9 issued such card, that the cardholder has not lost a firearm or had a firearm stolen from the
10 cardholder's possession since the date of the cardholder's last renewal or issuance.

11 SECTION 3. Subsection (h) of section 131 of chapter 140 of the General Laws, as
12 appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word
13 “information”, in line 401, the following words:– or who fails to annually notify the licensing
14 authority pursuant to subsection (l).

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