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HOUSE . . . . . No. 2500

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joseph D. McKenna

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 access to constitutional rights.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Joseph D. McKenna	*18th Worcester*	*1/7/2021*
David Allen Robertson	*19th Middlesex*	*2/26/2021*
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	*12th Hampden*	*3/19/2021*
Susan Williams Gifford	*2nd Plymouth*	*3/19/2021*
Shawn Dooley	*9th Norfolk*	*3/19/2021*
Steven S. Howitt	*4th Bristol*	*3/19/2021*
Mathew J. Muratore	*1st Plymouth*	*3/22/2021*
David K. Muradian, Jr.	*9th Worcester*	*3/22/2021*
Norman J. Orrall	*12th Bristol*	*4/5/2021*

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By Mr. McKenna of Webster, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2500) of Joseph D. McKenna and others relative to the issuance of licenses for firearms. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE DOCKET, NO. *5442* OF 2019-2020.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to access to constitutional rights.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to ensure timely constitutional access to acquire a firearms identification card or a license to carry firearms, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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. Section 129B of Chapter 140 of the General Laws are hereby amended in section (2) by deleting the words “provided, however, that the taking of fingerprints shall not be required in issuing the renewal of a card if the renewal applicant's fingerprints are on file with the department of state police” and inserting in place thereof the following; “provided, however, that the taking of fingerprints shall not be required in issuing or renewing a card if the applicant's fingerprints are on file with the department of state police or if such situation deemed reasonable

by the licensing authority or the Executive Office of Public Safety shall prevent such fingerprints from being collected."

SECTION 2. Section 129B of Chapter 140 of the General Laws are hereby amended in section (7) by deleting the word ", fingerprint"

SECTION 3. Section 131 of Chapter 140 of the General Laws are hereby amended in section (e) in line 8 by adding after the word "firearms" the following: ",provided, however, that the taking of fingerprints shall not be required in issuing or renewing a card if such situation deemed reasonable by the licensing authority or the Executive Office of Public Safety shall prevent such fingerprints from being collected."

SECTION 4. Section 131 of Chapter 140 of the General Laws are hereby amended in section (g) by deleting the word ", fingerprint"

SECTION 5. Section 131 of Chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended in section (l) by deleting the words "The taking of fingerprints shall not be required in issuing the renewal of a license if the renewal applicant's fingerprints are on file with the department of the state police." and inserting in place thereof the following; "The taking of fingerprints shall not be required in issuing or renewing a license if the applicant's fingerprints are on file with the department of the state police, or if such situation deemed reasonable by the licensing authority or the Executive Office of Public Safety shall prevent such fingerprints from being collected."