

HOUSE No. 2501

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 establishing a commission on firearm licensing in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Norman J. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>3/18/2021</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>3/18/2021</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>3/19/2021</i>
<i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>	<i>3/19/2021</i>
<i>Paul F. Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>4/5/2021</i>

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By Mr. McKenna of Webster, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2501) of Joseph D. McKenna and others for legislation to establish a special commission to study the firearms licensing process. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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

An Act establishing a commission on firearm licensing in the Commonwealth.

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.

2 There shall be established a commission to study the firearms licensing process in
3 Massachusetts. The commission shall (i) examine the current system of licensure as appearing
4 statewide and in each individual municipality, (ii) compare said licensure processes to the
5 different licensing standards and processes from other States, (iii) identify discrepancies that
6 exist in licensing processes between the various municipalities and between Massachusetts and
7 the various states, (iv) examine the application, approval, and denial rates and the demographics
8 thereof, for applicants in the various municipalities (v) provide recommendations to modernize
9 and improve upon or otherwise change the licensure process with particular focus on equity in
10 the licensure process (1) across all demographics (2) from town to town (3) from Massachusetts
11 to other US States.

12 Section 2.

13 The commission shall hold no fewer than four regional public hearings to gather input
14 from citizens who are or attempting to utilize the current firearm licensing system.

15 Section 3.

16 The commission shall consist of the following members: The executive director of gun
17 owners' action league or their designee who shall serve as the chair of the commission, the
18 secretary of the executive office of public safety and security or their designee, a chief of police
19 chosen by the Massachusetts chiefs of police association together with the major city police
20 chiefs association, the colonel of the state police or their designee, the director of the department
21 of mental health or their designee.

22 Section 4.

23 Within twelve months of the passage of this act, the commission shall file a report of its
24 finding and recommendations to (i) the Secretary of the Executive Office of Public Safety and
25 Security, (ii) the Clerks of the Senate and the House of Representatives, and (iii) the House and
26 Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Security, who shall within ninety
27 days of the submission of the report hold a joint public hearing on the commission's
28 recommendations.