

HOUSE No. 2527

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael J. Soter

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 criminal manufacture and possession of certain weapons.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>

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By Mr. Soter of Bellingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2527) of Michael J. Soter and David Allen Robertson relative to criminal manufacture and possession of certain weapons. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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

An Act relative to criminal manufacture and possession of certain weapons.

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 Chapter 269 of the General Laws shall be amended by inserting a new section:

3 10L: Criminal Manufacture and Transfer of Weapons

4 Any prohibited person who illegally manufactures a firearm, rifle, shotgun, machine gun
5 or sawed-off shotgun shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not or more than
6 5 years.

7 Any person who illegally manufactures a firearm, rifle, shotgun, machine gun or sawed-
8 off shotgun and transfers or supplies said weapon to a prohibited person within or without of the
9 Commonwealth shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not or more than 10
10 years.

11 Whoever transports an illegally manufactured firearm, rifle, shotgun, machine gun or
12 sawed-off shotgun into the commonwealth to use the weapon for the commission of criminal
13 activity shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not or more than 10 years.

14 Whoever, while in the commission of a felony, has in his possession or under his control
15 an illegally manufactured firearm, rifle, shotgun, machine gun or sawed-off shotgun shall be
16 punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not less than not more than 10 years.

17 Whoever transports an illegally manufactured firearm, rifle, shotgun, machine gun or
18 sawed-off shotgun into the commonwealth to unlawfully distribute, sell or transfer possession of
19 the weapon to a prohibited person, as defined in section 131 of chapter 140, shall be punished by
20 imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 20 years.

21 Whoever transports an illegally manufactured firearm, rifle, shotgun, machine gun or
22 sawed-off shotgun into the commonwealth to unlawfully distribute, sell or transfer the weapon to
23 a prohibited person, as defined in section 131 of chapter 140, and if the weapon is subsequently
24 used to commit severe bodily injury or murder, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state
25 prison for up to life imprisonment.

26 Upon conviction of this section, the courts shall notify the appropriate federal authorities
27 of potential violations of federal manufacturing and transfer laws.