

HOUSE No. 991

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Smitty Pignatelli

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 the use of crossbows in hunting.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/1/2021</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>1/3/2022</i>

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By Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 991) of Smitty Pignatelli and Angelo L. D'Emilia for legislation relative to the use of crossbows in hunting. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 846 OF 2019-2020.]

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

An Act relative to the use of crossbows in hunting.

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 64 of chapter 131 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking out, in lines 2 and 3, the words "or any crossbow, except as provided in section 69,".

3 SECTION 2. Said chapter 131 is hereby amended by striking out section 69 and inserting
4 in place thereof the following section:-

5 Section 69. A person shall not carry or use a bow and arrow, or a crossbow or a bolt or
6 arrow with a crossbow, while hunting unless said bow and arrow, or said crossbow and bolt or
7 arrow, meet the requirements of the rules and regulations which shall be promulgated by the
8 director. Such rules and regulations shall prescribe the general design, weight of pull, and type of
9 bows and arrows, and type of crossbows, and bolts and arrows, and shall conform to standards

10 generally accepted for hunting purposes. No person shall use a crossbow for hunting with any
11 projectile, other than a bolt or arrow that meets the applicable requirements as established under
12 this section.