

SENATE No. 1537

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael J. Barrett

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 to require liability insurance for gun ownership.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>	
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>6/4/2021</i>

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By Mr. Barrett, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1537) of Michael J. Barrett for legislation to require liability insurance for gun ownership. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1360 OF 2019-2020.]

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

An Act to require liability insurance for gun ownership.

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. Chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
2 following section:-

3 Section 207. (a) Any person who possesses, carries, or owns a firearm, rifle or shotgun
4 shall obtain and maintain a liability policy, bond, or deposit. This section shall not apply to a
5 person who possesses a firearm, rifle, or shotgun on a temporary basis while on the premises of a
6 licensed gun club. Violation of this section shall result in a punishment of a fine of not less than
7 five hundred and not more than five thousand dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than one
8 year in a house of correction, or both.

9 (b) The commissioner of insurance shall promulgate regulations set forth for the
10 minimum terms of liability insurance policies which shall satisfy the requirements of this section.