

SENATE No. 1614

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael O. Moore

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 equitable firearm license fees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>3/1/2021</i>
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>	<i>3/1/2021</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/1/2021</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>3/19/2021</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>3/19/2021</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>	<i>3/19/2021</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>3/22/2021</i>
<i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>	<i>3/22/2021</i>

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By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1614) of Michael O. Moore, Hannah Kane, Jonathan D. Zlotnik, David Allen Robertson and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to firearm license fees. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1434 OF 2019-2020.]

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

An Act relative to equitable firearm license fees.

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 129B of chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out paragraph (9A) and inserting in place thereof
3 the following paragraph:-

4 (9A) Except as provided in clause (9B) o (9C), the fee for an application for a firearm
5 identification card shall be \$40, which shall be superseded by actual performance data as it is
6 developed be payable to the licensing authority and shall not be prorated or refunded in the case
7 of revocation or denial. The licensing authority shall retain \$20 of the fee; \$20 of the fee shall be
8 deposited in the General Fund.

9 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, licensing authorities shall
10 deposit quarterly that portion of the firearm identification card application fee which is to be
11 deposited into the General Fund, not later than January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1 of each
12 year.

13 SECTION 2. Paragraph (i) of section 131 of said chapter 140, as so appearing, is hereby
14 amended by striking out the 2 sentences “The fee for the application shall be \$100, which shall
15 be payable to the licensing authority and shall not be prorated or refunded in case of revocation
16 or denial. The licensing authority shall retain \$25 of the fee; \$50 of the fee shall be deposited
17 into the general fund of the commonwealth and not less than \$50,000 of the funds deposited into
18 the General Fund shall be allocated to the Firearm Licensing Review Board, established in
19 section 130B, for its operations and that any funds not expended by said board for its operations
20 shall revert back to the General Fund; and \$25 of the fee shall be deposited in the Firearms
21 Fingerprint Identity Verification Trust Fund.” and inserting in place thereof the following 2
22 sentences:-

23 The fee for the application shall be \$40, which shall be payable to the licensing authority
24 and shall not be prorated or refunded in case of revocation or denial. The licensing authority
25 shall retain \$20 of the fee; \$20 of the fee shall be deposited into the general fund of the
26 commonwealth and not less than \$50,000 of the funds deposited into the General Fund shall be
27 allocated to the Firearm Licensing Review Board, established in section 130B, for its operations
28 and that any funds not expended by said board for its operations shall revert back to the General
29 Fund.