

HOUSE No. 2328

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul K. Frost

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 firearm licensing renewals during a state of emergency.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Paul K. Frost</i> | <i>7th Worcester</i> | <i>1/20/2023</i> |

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By Representative Frost of Auburn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2328) of Paul K. Frost relative to firearm licensing renewals during a state of emergency. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2463 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to firearm licensing renewals during a state of emergency.

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. During a pandemic or other state of emergency in which police departments
2 are not processing applications for gun license renewals, expiring or expired licenses which
3 occurs or occurred during the state of emergency will be valid until the renewal can be fully
4 processed or denied by the police department. This provision shall not prevent the Chief of
5 Police’s authority in taking a firearms license away should circumstances warrant as already
6 appearing in the MGL.