

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1513**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Ryan C. Fattman***

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*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 prohibiting the confiscation of lawfully owned firearms during a state of emergency.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Ryan C. Fattman*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Worcester and Hampden*

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By Mr. Fattman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1513) of Ryan C. Fattman for legislation to prohibit the confiscation of lawfully owned firearms during a state of emergency. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1581 OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act prohibiting the confiscation of lawfully owned firearms 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 Chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after section 129D the following section:-

3 Section 129E. (a) No government official or any person acting on behalf of the  
4 commonwealth shall order the confiscation of, or otherwise cause the confiscation of, any  
5 lawfully owned firearm, rifle, shotgun, machinegun or ammunition.

6 (b) No law enforcement officer, person acting as a law enforcement officer, or other  
7 public official shall confiscate or attempt to confiscate or attempt to confiscate an lawfully  
8 carried or lawfully owned firearm, rifle, shotgun, machinegun or ammunition.

9 (c) Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be subject to a civil fine of not  
10 less than \$500 and not more than \$5,000 for each firearm unlawfully confiscated or by  
11 imprisonment in a state prison for not more than two and one-half years. Nothing in this section  
12 shall prohibit the confiscation of a firearm, rifle, shotgun, machinegun or ammunition from any  
13 person who: (i) has been placed under arrest; (ii) is the subject of a protection order issued under  
14 chapter 209A; or (iii) has had their firearm identification card or license to carry revoked or  
15 suspended.