

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1836**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***David Paul Linsky***

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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 to require liability insurance for gun ownership.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>

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By Representative Linsky of Natick, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1836) of David Paul Linsky for legislation to require liability insurance by gun owners. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2364 OF 2023-2024.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**

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

2 Section 207. (a) Whoever possess, carries, or owns a firearm, rifle or shotgun without a  
3 liability policy or bond or deposit required by the provisions of this chapter which has not been  
4 provided and maintained in accordance therewith shall be punished by a fine of not less than five  
5 hundred nor more than five thousand dollars or by imprisonment for not more than one year in a  
6 house of correction, or both such fine and imprisonment. This section shall not apply to a person  
7 who possesses a firearm, rifle, or shotgun on a temporary basis while on the premises of a  
8 licensed gun club.

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.