

HOUSE No. 2589

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marjorie C. Decker

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 requiring licensed gun owners to submit a yearly affidavit.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>
<i>Estela A. Reyes</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>	<i>5/28/2025</i>

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By Representative Decker of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2589) of Marjorie C. Decker for legislation to require licensed gun owners to submit yearly affidavits. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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

An Act requiring licensed gun owners to submit a yearly affidavit.

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 2022
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended in paragraph 8 by inserting after the word “information”, in
3 line 259, the following words: – or who fails to annually notify the licensing authority pursuant
4 to paragraph (11A).

5 SECTION 2. Said section 129B, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting
6 after paragraph 10 the following paragraph:–

7 (11A) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (9), a cardholder shall annually verify
8 by written notice, in the form of a sworn affidavit or declaration to the licensing authority that
9 issued such card, that the cardholder has not lost a firearm or had a firearm stolen from the
10 cardholder's possession since the date of the cardholder's last renewal or issuance.

11 SECTION 3. Section 131 of said chapter 140, as so appearing, is hereby amended in
12 subsection (h) by inserting after the word “information”, in line 272, the following words:– or
13 who fails to annually notify the licensing authority pursuant to subsection (l).

14 SECTION 4. Said section 131, as so appearing, is hereby further amended in subsection
15 (l) by adding the following sentence:– The holder of each such license to carry a firearm shall
16 annually verify by written notice, in the form of a sworn affidavit or declaration to the licensing
17 authority that issued such license, that the license holder has not lost a firearm or had a firearm
18 stolen from the license holder's possession since the date of the license holder's last renewal or
19 issuance.