

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Bradley H. Jones, Jr.***

*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 establishing a self-defense exception.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/14/2025</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1592 OF 2023-2024.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act establishing a self-defense exception.

*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. Subsection A of section 99 of chapter 272 of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence in  
3 the third paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following:-

4 Therefore, the secret use of such devices by private individuals must be prohibited, unless  
5 each of the following is true: (1) the individual is a party to the encounter that they are  
6 surveilling; (2) the individual is not employed by a law enforcement entity, nor acting under the  
7 auspices of one; and (3) the individual has a reasonable fear that the other party intends to  
8 physically harm them, another person, or themselves.

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