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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*David F. DeCoste*

*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 the use of force equipment.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**

An Act relative to the use of force equipment.

*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 1 of Chapter 6E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of “untruthful or  
3 untruthfulness” the following definition:-

4 “Use of force equipment”, a standardized set of equipment that shall be issued to all  
5 officers, as defined by this section, and the Code of Massachusetts Regulations CMR 550 3.02  
6 and shall be authorized to be carried while on duty. Use of force equipment shall include, but not  
7 be limited to the following: (i) Semi-Automatic Handgun with a caliber of 9x19mm or higher;  
8 (ii) Baton\PR-24, Impact tool; (iii) Non-Flammable, Electronic Device Compatible Oleoresin  
9 Capsicum spray with a content of at least 1.33% Major Capsaicinoids and 10% Oleoresin  
10 Capsicum or equivalent; (iv) Double locking Handcuffs.

11 SECTION 2. Section 63 of Chapter 22C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking  
12 the word “hospital.” in line 11 and inserting in place thereof the following “hospital, and shall be  
13 issued for use and have access to use of force equipment, as defined in section 1 of chapter 6E.

14 Such special state police officers serving in non-secure areas of hospitals or psychiatric or mental  
15 health facilities, as determined by the colonel, shall be authorized to carry use of force equipment  
16 on their person during their service.