

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Rodney M. Elliott***

*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 further regulating the discharge of fireworks in densely populated neighborhoods.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Rodney M. Elliott</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/13/2025</i>

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3634 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act further regulating the discharge of fireworks in densely populated neighborhoods.

*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 39 of chapter 148 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting after the fourth paragraph the following paragraph:-

3 Whoever shall use or explode or cause to explode any fireworks in violation of this  
4 section in an area located in a census tract with a population density of 1,000 or more persons per  
5 square mile shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$200 and not more than \$500, or by  
6 imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. Any officer qualified to serve criminal  
7 process shall seize all of the fireworks mentioned herein without a warrant, and the fireworks  
8 seized shall, upon conviction of such violation, be forfeited to the commonwealth.