

**SENATE . . . . . No. 595**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Ryan C. Fattman*

*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 crossbows in hunting.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                  | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:                |                  |
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| <i>Ryan C. Fattman</i> | <i>Worcester and Hampden</i>     |                  |
| <i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>   | <i>First Essex and Middlesex</i> | <i>2/26/2025</i> |

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By Mr. Fattman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 595) of Ryan C. Fattman and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to the use of crossbows in hunting. Environment and Natural Resources.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 494 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 relative to the use of crossbows in hunting.

*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 64 of chapter 131, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 2 and 3, the words “, or any crossbow, except as  
3 provided in section 69, nor” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- "nor."

4           SECTION 2. Said chapter 131 is hereby further amended by striking out section 69, as so  
5 appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

6           Section 69. A person shall not carry or use a bow and arrow or crossbow while hunting  
7 unless the bow and arrow or crossbow meet the requirements of the rules and regulations which  
8 shall be promulgated by the director. Such rules and regulations shall prescribe general design,

- 9 weight of pull and type of bows and arrows or crossbows and shall conform to standards
- 10 generally accepted for hunting purposes.