

**SENATE . . . . . No. 596**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Ryan C. Fattman***

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*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 hunting near a dwelling.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Ryan C. Fattman*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Worcester and Hampden*

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By Mr. Fattman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 596) of Ryan C. Fattman for legislation relative to hunting near a dwelling. Environment and Natural Resources.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 498 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 hunting near a dwelling.

*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 58 of chapter 131 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting, in line 6, after the word "thereof" the following words:-

3           ", provided that a person may hunt with a bow and arrow from an elevated tree stand not  
4 less than 250 feet from any dwelling in use except as authorized by the owner or occupant  
5 thereof".