

HOUSE No. 2507

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Todd M. Smola

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 fair licensing.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>

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By Mr. Smola of Warren, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2507) of Todd M. Smola and others relative to the licensing of firearms. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to fair licensing.

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 #

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3 Section 131, Chapter 140 of the general laws is hereby amended by deleting (a) and
4 replacing it with the following:-

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6 (a) A Class A license shall entitle a holder thereof to purchase, rent, lease, borrow,
7 possess and carry: (i) firearms, including large capacity firearms, and feeding devices and
8 ammunition therefor, for all lawful purposes; and (ii) rifles and shotguns, including large
9 capacity weapons, and feeding devices and ammunition therefor, for all lawful purposes.

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11 SECTION #

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13 Section 131, Chapter 140 of the general laws is hereby amended by deleting the first
14 paragraph of (d) and replacing it with the following:-

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16 (d) Any person residing or having a place of business within the jurisdiction of the
17 licensing authority or any law enforcement officer employed by the licensing authority or any
18 person residing in an area of exclusive federal jurisdiction located within a city or town may
19 submit to the licensing authority or the colonel of state police, an application for a license to
20 carry firearms, or renewal of the same, which the licensing authority or the colonel shall issue if
21 the applicant is not a prohibited person as set forth in this section.

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23 SECTION #

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25 Section 47 of Chapter 284 of the Acts of 2014 is hereby further amended by deleting the
26 section in its entirety and replacing it with the following:-

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28 SECTION 47. Said section 131 of said chapter 140, as so appearing, is hereby further
29 amended by striking out paragraph (a), and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

30 (a) A license shall entitle a holder thereof of a license to purchase, rent, lease, borrow,
31 possess and carry: (i) firearms, including large capacity firearms, and feeding devices and

32 ammunition therefor, for all lawful purposes; and (ii) rifles and shotguns, including large
33 capacity weapons, and feeding devices and ammunition therefor, for all lawful purposes.

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35 SECTION #

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37 Section 48 of Chapter 284 of the Acts of 2014 is hereby further amended by deleting the
38 first paragraph of the section in its entirety and replacing it with the following:-

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40 SECTION 48. Said section 131 of said chapter 140, as so appearing, is hereby further
41 amended by striking out paragraph (d) and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

42 (d) Any person residing or having a place of business within the jurisdiction of the
43 licensing authority or any law enforcement officer employed by the licensing authority or any
44 person residing in an area of exclusive federal jurisdiction located within a city or town may
45 submit to the licensing authority or the colonel of state police, an application for a license to
46 carry firearms, or renewal of the same, which the licensing authority or the colonel shall issue if
47 the applicant is not a prohibited person, as set forth in this section.