

SENATE No. 1536

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Edward J. Kennedy

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 discharge of firearm, large capacity weapon, rifle, shotgun, sawed-off shotgun or machine gun without regard for the risk of harm.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Edward J. Kennedy

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Middlesex

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By Mr. Kennedy, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1536) of Edward J. Kennedy for legislation relative to the discharge of firearms without regard for the risk of harm or penalty. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1602 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to the discharge of firearm, large capacity weapon, rifle, shotgun, sawed-off shotgun or machine gun without regard for the risk of harm.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by adding the following new section 15G:-

3 Whoever without regard for the risk of serious bodily injury to another intentionally or
4 recklessly discharges a firearm, large capacity weapon, rifle, shotgun, sawed-off shotgun, or
5 machine gun and thereby causes a substantial risk of serious bodily injury to another shall be
6 punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 5 years or by imprisonment in the
7 house of correction for not more than 2 ½ years.