

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2131**

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**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>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>

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By Mr. Smola of Warren, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2131) of Todd M. Smola, Peter J. Durant and Mathew J. Muratore relative to the licensing of firearms. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2507 OF 2017-2018.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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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.