

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3576**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Marjorie C. Decker*

*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 requiring licensed gun owners to submit a yearly affidavit.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balser</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3576) of Marjorie C. Decker and others for legislation to require licensed gun owners to submit yearly affidavits. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act requiring licensed gun owners to submit a yearly affidavit.

*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. Paragraph (8) of section 129B of chapter 140 of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word  
3 “information”, in line 299, the following words: – or who fails to annually notify the licensing  
4 authority pursuant to paragraph (11A).

5 SECTION 2. Said section 129B, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting  
6 after paragraph 10 the following paragraph:–

7 (11A) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (9), a cardholder shall annually verify  
8 by written notice, in the form of a sworn affidavit or declaration to the licensing authority that  
9 issued such card, that the cardholder has not lost a firearm or had a firearm stolen from the  
10 cardholder's possession since the date of the cardholder's last renewal or issuance.

11           SECTION 3. Subsection (h) of said section 131, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
12 inserting after the word “information”, in line 399, the following words:– or who fails to  
13 annually notify the licensing authority pursuant to subsection (l).

14           SECTION 4. Subsection (l) of section 131 of said chapter 140, as so appearing, is hereby  
15 amended by adding the following sentence:– The holder of each such license to carry a firearm  
16 shall annually verify by written notice, in the form of a sworn affidavit or declaration to the  
17 licensing authority that issued such license, that the license holder has not lost a firearm or had a  
18 firearm stolen from the license holder's possession since the date of the license holder's last  
19 renewal or issuance.