

HOUSE No. 3257

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kevin J. Murphy

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act providing for the secure storage of large numbers of firearms.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Kevin J. Murphy

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

18th Middlesex

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By Mr. Murphy of Lowell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3257) of Kevin J. Murphy for legislation to provide for the secure storage of firearms. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act providing for the secure storage of large numbers of firearms.

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. Section 131L of chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (a) and inserting in place thereof
3 the following subsection:-

4 (a) (1) It shall be unlawful to store or keep any firearm, rifle or shotgun including, but
5 not limited to, large capacity weapons, or machine gun in any place unless such weapon is
6 secured in a locked container or equipped with a tamper-resistant mechanical lock or other safety
7 device, properly engaged so as to render such weapon inoperable by any person other than the
8 owner or other lawfully authorized user. For purposes of this section, such weapon shall not be
9 deemed stored or kept if carried by or under the control of the owner or other lawfully authorized
10 user.

11 (2) It shall be unlawful to store more than 5 firearms, rifles, shotguns, machine guns, or
12 any combination of such weapons unless such weapons are secured in a locked safe or vault. It
13 shall be unlawful to store more than 10 firearms, rifles, shotguns, machine guns, or any
14 combination