

HOUSE No. 3271

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

George N. Peterson, Jr.

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 relative to non-resident Second Amendment civil rights.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>George N. Peterson, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Matthew A. Beaton</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>
<i>Christine E. Canavan</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>
<i>Michael J. Rodrigues</i>	<i>First Bristol and Plymouth</i>

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By Mr. Peterson of Grafton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3271) of George N. Peterson, Jr. and others for legislation to authorize the Colonel of the State Police, or persons authorized by him, to issue temporary license to carry firearms to certain nonresidents. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to non-resident Second Amendment civil rights.

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 131F of Chapter 140 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, shall be amended by deleting the section in its entirety
3 and replacing it with the following

4 Section 131F Nonresidents or aliens; license to carry firearms or ammunition

5 Section 131F. A Class A or Class B temporary license to carry firearms or feeding
6 devices or ammunition therefor, within the commonwealth, shall be issued by the colonel of state
7 police, or persons authorized by him, to a nonresident or any person not falling within the
8 jurisdiction of a local licensing authority or to a legal alien that resides inside or outside the
9 commonwealth for all lawful purposes unless the applicant “is a prohibited person as defined in
10 the following subparagraphs (i) through (v). When determining the status of a prohibited person
11 in regards to convictions, the determination shall only be made using the penalties and sentences
12 in place at the time of conviction.”

13 (i) has, in any state or federal jurisdiction, been convicted or adjudicated a youthful
14 offender or delinquent child for the commission of (a) a felony for which a committed term of
15 imprisonment has been served after sentencing has been carried out; (b) a misdemeanor
16 punishable by imprisonment for more than two years for which a committed term of
17 imprisonment has been served after sentencing has been carried out; (c) a violent crime as
18 defined in section 121; (d) a violation of any law regulating the use, possession, ownership,
19 transfer, purchase, sale, lease, rental, receipt or transportation of weapons or ammunition for

20 which a term of imprisonment may be imposed; or (e) a violation of any law regulating the use,
21 possession or sale of controlled substances, as defined in section 1 of chapter 94C for which a
22 term of imprisonment may be imposed;

23 (ii) has been confined to any hospital or institution for mental illness, unless the applicant
24 submits with his application an affidavit of a registered physician attesting that such physician is
25 familiar with the applicant's mental illness and that in such physician's opinion the applicant is
26 not disabled by such an illness in a manner that should prevent such applicant from possessing a
27 firearm;

28 (iii) is or has been under treatment for or confinement for drug addiction or habitual
29 drunkenness, unless such applicant is deemed to be cured of such condition by a licensed
30 physician, and such applicant may make application for said license after the expiration of five
31 years from the date of such confinement or treatment and upon presentment of an affidavit issued
32 by such physician stating that such physician knows the applicant's history of treatment and that
33 in such physician's opinion the applicant is deemed cured;

34 (iv) is currently subject to: (A) an order for suspension or surrender issued pursuant to
35 section 3B or 3C of chapter 209A or a similar order issued by another jurisdiction; or (B) a
36 permanent or temporary protection order issued pursuant to chapter 209A or a similar order
37 issued by another jurisdiction; or

38 (v) is currently the subject of an outstanding arrest warrant in any state or federal
39 jurisdiction.

40 Such license shall be valid for a period of six years.

41 The colonel may also issue such license, subject to such terms and conditions as he
42 deems proper, to any resident of the commonwealth for the purposes of sports competition.

43 A license issued under this section shall be marked "License to Carry Firearms", shall
44 clearly indicate whether it is Class A or Class B and shall not be used to purchase firearms in the
45 commonwealth as provided under section 131E. Neither a large capacity firearm nor large
46 capacity feeding device therefor may be carried unless such person has been issued a Class A
47 license; provided, however, that the colonel may permit a Class A or Class B licensee to possess
48 large capacity rifles or shotguns or both, and such entitlement shall be clearly indicated on such
49 license. The fee for an application for the license shall be \$100, which shall be payable to the
50 licensing authority and shall not be prorated or refunded in case of revocation or denial. The
51 licensing authority shall retain \$25 of the fee; \$50 of the fee shall be deposited into the general
52 fund of the commonwealth; and \$25 of the fee shall be deposited in the Firearms Fingerprint
53 Identity Verification Trust Fund. A license issued under the provisions of this section to a non-
54 resident who is in the employ of a bank, public utility corporation, or a firm engaged in the
55 business of transferring monies, or business of similar nature, or a firm licensed as a private

56 detective under the provisions of chapter one hundred and forty-seven, and whose application is
57 endorsed by his employer, or who is a member of the armed services and is stationed within the
58 territorial boundaries of the commonwealth and has the written consent of his commanding
59 officer, may be issued for any term not to exceed two years, and said licenses shall expire in
60 accordance with the provisions of section one hundred and thirty-one.

61 A license, otherwise in accordance with provisions of this section, shall be issued to a
62 nonresident employee, whose application is endorsed by his employer, of a federally licensed
63 Massachusetts manufacturer of machine guns to possess within the commonwealth a machine
64 gun for the purpose of transporting or testing relative to the manufacture of machine guns, and
65 the license shall be marked “license to possess a machine gun” and shall be issued for a period of
66 six years and shall expire in accordance with the provisions of section one hundred and thirty-
67 one.