

HOUSE No. 2404

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jon Santiago

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 to prevent gun violence.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/11/2021</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>

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By Mr. Santiago of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2404) of Jon Santiago and others relative to screening certain patients for the presence of firearms in the home. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act to prevent gun violence.

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. Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 236 the following section:-

3 Section 237. The director shall establish a program for firearm screening and counseling.
4 Such program shall systematically screen all patients for the presence of firearms in the home.
5 The director shall, after consultation with recognized professional medical groups and such other
6 sources as the director deems appropriate, promulgate regulations establishing (1) the means by
7 which and the intervals at which patients shall be screened for the presence of firearms in the
8 home and (2) guidelines for safety counseling for individuals that screen positive for the
9 presence of firearms in the home.

10 SECTION 2. This section shall take effect 6 months after its passage.