

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2423**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Donald R. Berthiaume, 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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

**An Act relative to firearm licensing.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/16/2021</i>

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By Mr. Berthiaume of Spencer, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2423) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. and David Allen Robertson relative to licenses to carry or possess firearms. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act relative to firearm 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 1. Section 129B(8)(g) of Chapter 140 is hereby amended by deleting the  
2 subsection in its entirety and replacing it with the following: (8)(g) A firearm identification card  
3 shall be valid, unless revoked or suspended.

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5           SECTION 2. Section 129B of Chapter 140 is hereby amended by deleting subsection (12)  
6 in its entirety.

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8           SECTION 3. Section 131(i) of Chapter 140 is hereby amended by deleting subsection (i)  
9 in its entirety and replacing with the following:

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11 (i) A license to carry or possess firearms shall be valid, unless revoked or  
12 suspended. The fee for the application shall be \$100, which shall be payable to the licensing  
13 authority and shall not be prorated or refunded in case of revocation or denial. The licensing  
14 authority shall retain \$25 of the fee; \$50 of the fee shall be deposited into the general fund of the  
15 commonwealth and not less than \$50,000 of the funds deposited into the General Fund shall be  
16 allocated to the Firearm Licensing Review Board, established in section 130B, for its operations  
17 and that any funds not expended by said board for its operations shall revert back to the General  
18 Fund; and \$25 of the fee shall be deposited in the Firearms Fingerprint Identity Verification  
19 Trust Fund. For active and retired law enforcement officials, or local, state, or federal  
20 government entities acting on their behalf, the fee for the application shall be set at \$25, which  
21 shall be payable to the licensing authority and shall not be prorated or refunded in case of  
22 revocation or denial. The licensing authority shall retain \$12.50 of the fee, and \$12.50 of the fee  
23 shall be deposited into the general fund of the commonwealth. Notwithstanding any general or  
24 special law to the contrary, licensing authorities shall deposit such portion of the license  
25 application fee into the Firearms Record Keeping Fund quarterly, not later than January 1, April  
26 1, July 1 and October 1 of each year. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary,  
27 licensing authorities shall deposit quarterly such portion of the license application fee as is to be  
28 deposited into the General Fund, not later than January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1 of each  
29 year.

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32           SECTION 4. Section 131 of Chapter 140 is hereby amended by deleting subsection (m)  
33   in its entirety.