

HOUSE No. 1656

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 relative to the reckless discharge of firearms.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>

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By Representative Decker of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1656) of Marjorie C. Decker relative to the reckless discharge of firearms. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act relative to the reckless discharge 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. Chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by adding the following new section:

3 Section 15G. Whoever without regard for the risk of serious bodily injury to another
4 intentionally or recklessly discharges a firearm, large capacity weapon, rifle, shotgun, sawed-off
5 shotgun, or machine gun and thereby causes a substantial risk of serious bodily injury to another
6 shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 5 years or by
7 imprisonment in the house of correction for not more than 2 ½ years.