

# HOUSE . . . . No. 132

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By Mr. Means of Essex, petition of the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation relative to permitting farmers to authorize the shooting of certain birds or animals damaging property. Conservation.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Two.

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AN ACT TO PERMIT FARMERS TO AUTHORIZE ANOTHER TO SHOOT ANIMALS DOING DAMAGE OR LIKELY TO DO DAMAGE.

*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 58 of chapter 131, as appearing in chapter  
2 599 of the acts of 1941, is hereby further amended by  
3 adding after the word "lessee" in the second line of  
4 the second paragraph the words:— or other person  
5 designated by the owner or lessee, — so as to read: —  
6 *Section 58.* Sunday shall be close season on all wild  
7 birds and mammals, except as otherwise provided in  
8 this chapter. No person on Sunday shall hunt any  
9 bird or mammal of any kind or carry on that day upon  
10 his person a rifle or shotgun in any place where birds  
11 or mammals might be found.

12 This section shall not prohibit the killing or at-  
13 tempted killing of a bird or mammal, by any owner,  
14 lessee or other person designated by the owner or

15 lessee upon his own property, actually damaging or  
16 likely to damage property subject, however, to the  
17 same conditions and restrictions as would render such  
18 killing or attempted killing lawful on a secular day;  
19 nor shall it render unlawful the possession or carrying  
20 of a rifle or shotgun for such purpose or for the pur-  
21 pose of using the same in a sport or game lawfully  
22 conducted under the provisions of law authorizing  
23 sports and games on Sunday; nor shall it prohibit the  
24 taking of mammals by means of traps.