

HOUSE No. 924

By Mr. Wall of Lawrence, petition of William X. Wall that provision be made for examination of applicants for hunting licenses. Conservation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO REGULATE FURTHER THE ISSUANCE OF HUNTING LICENSES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 An applicant for a hunting license, twenty-one years
2 of age or under, who has not previously held a hunting
3 license, must first undergo an examination to prove
4 the applicant's fitness to handle firearms. This exam-
5 ination should include a course in safe handling of
6 firearms, including firing live ammunition. The appli-
7 cant should also be reviewed on knowledge of the
8 hunting laws of this commonwealth. This examina-
9 tion may be given by the law enforcement officer in
10 the applicant's district or by a qualified rifle instructor
11 approved by the department of natural resources.
12 Any applicant failing to pass the examination must
13 wait for a period of at least sixty days before reapply-
14 ing.

