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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Seven.

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**AN ACT REQUIRING A LICENSE FOR THE DISPLAY OF FIREARMS AT EXHIBITIONS, CONVENTIONS AND SIMILAR MEETINGS.**

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

1 Chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 inserting after section 123 the following section: —

3 *Section 123A.* Any person who, not being licensed under  
4 the provisions of section one hundred and twenty-two, dis-  
5 plays a firearm, rifle, shotgun or machine gun during a con-  
6 vention, meeting, exhibition, fair or gathering of responsible  
7 firearm groups or associations being held within the common-  
8 wealth without first obtaining a temporary license therefor  
9 as hereinafter provided, shall be punished by a fine of not  
10 more than five hundred dollars.

11 The commissioner of public safety or any person authorized  
12 by him may issue to any person except an alien, a minor or a  
13 person who has been convicted of a felony or the unlawful use  
14 or sale of drugs, temporary license to display, but not to sell,  
15 firearms, rifles, shotguns and machineguns during a conven-  
16 tion, meeting, exhibition, fair or gathering of responsible  
17 firearm groups or associations. Such temporary license shall  
18 be subject to such terms and conditions as the commissioner  
19 may determine and may be revoked by him for a violation  
20 of any of the conditions thereof or for other reasonable cause.  
21 The fee for any such temporary license shall be twenty dollars.  
22 Such temporary license shall be valid for the period of any  
23 such convention, meeting, exhibition, fair or gathering not  
24 exceeding, however, ten consecutive days.

25 Any person refused a temporary license under this section  
26 may, within ten days of such refusal, file a petition for re-  
27 view thereof in a district court having jurisdiction in the city  
28 or town wherein such convention, meeting, exhibition, fair  
29 or gathering is to be held. Said court may, after a hearing,  
30 order that such temporary license be issued by the commis-  
31 sioner if the court finds that the commissioner abused his  
32 discretion in the matter.