

# SENATE . . . . No. 186

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To accompany the petition of Gardner W. Pearson for further regulation of the sale and carrying of firearms and other dangerous weapons.  
Legal Affairs.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

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### AN ACT

Relative to the Carrying and Sale of Pistols and  
Revolvers in this Commonwealth.

*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. No person shall carry a pistol or  
2 revolver in this commonwealth or have in his  
3 possession outside of his domicile a pistol or  
4 revolver, unless he has obtained a license to  
5 carry the same from the commissioner of public  
6 safety as hereinafter provided. Application for  
7 such license shall be made to the commissioner of  
8 public safety, who may issue the said license  
9 only upon certification by the board of police,  
10 police commissioner, chief of police, or other  
11 board or officer in charge of the police depart-  
12 ment of a city or town, within whose jurisdiction

13 the applicant resides, that he is a citizen of the  
14 United States and has good reason to fear an  
15 injury to his person or property, or for any other  
16 proper purpose, and that he is a suitable person  
17 to be so licensed. The fee for the said license  
18 shall be two dollars which shall accompany the  
19 application. All licenses issued under the pro-  
20 visions of this act shall be for a term of one year  
21 from the date of issuance and may be revoked  
22 at any time by the said commissioner of public  
23 safety. All applications and certifications pro-  
23 vided herein shall be made upon printed forms  
25 furnished by the department of public safety for  
26 that purpose. A record of the licenses issued  
27 hereunder shall be kept at the main office of the  
28 said department and shall be open to the in-  
29 spection of the public.

1 SECTION 2. It shall be unlawful to sell, loan  
2 or deliver a pistol or revolver to any person who  
3 does not exhibit a license to carry and possess the  
4 same as provided in the previous section. Upon  
5 the sale, rental or lease to the licensee of any  
6 weapon contemplated in the said license, the  
7 vendor shall indorse on the back of the license the  
8 name, address and general description of the  
9 purchaser, the serial number of the license, the  
10 type, style, make, calibre, number, manufac-  
11 turer's name of the pistol or revolver, and the  
12 date and hour of the delivery of the weapon to  
13 the purchaser. Whoever counterfeits, defaces or  
14 unlawfully uses a license granted under this act

15 shall be punished by a fine of not more than five  
16 hundred dollars or by imprisonment for a term  
17 not exceeding one year.

1 SECTION 3. Whoever sells, loans, or delivers  
2 a pistol or revolver to a person who does not ex-  
3 hibit a license from the commissioner of public  
4 safety to carry and possess the same as provided  
5 in section one of this act, shall be punished by a  
6 fine of not more than one hundred dollars for the  
7 first offence and not less than one hundred or  
8 more than five hundred dollars, or by imprison-  
9 ment for not more than six months for any sub-  
10 sequent offence.

1 SECTION 4. All acts or parts of acts incon-  
2 sistent herewith are hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect ninety  
2 days after its passage and all licenses to carry a  
3 pistol or revolver issued and in force previous to  
4 that date are hereby rendered invalid.

