

HOUSE No. 14

Accompanying the sixth recommendation of the Police Commissioner for the City of Boston (House, No. 8). Public Safety. Dec. 2, 1926.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

An Act relative to the Illegal Possession and Use of Machine Guns.

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 two hundred and sixty-nine of the
2 General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
3 after section nine the following new section:
4 *Section 9A.* Whoever sells a machine gun
5 to a person who has not a permit to carry a
6 firearm and whoever possesses, uses or is
7 armed with a machine gun; carries in any
8 vehicle or is apprehended in the commission
9 of a crime or a breach or disturbance of the
10 public peace possessing, using or armed with
11 such weapon, shall be punished by imprison-
12 ment for not less than two and one half years
13 nor more than five years in the state prison.
14 This act shall not apply to possession of ma-
15 chine guns by members of police departments,
16 the armed forces of the United States or the

17 commonwealth of Massachusetts while acting
18 under authority of their respective military
19 superiors, to employees of firearm or gun man-
20 ufacturers in the testing or delivery of such
21 machine guns or to manufacturers or wholesale
22 or retail dealers in firearms.

