

SENATE No. 594

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, March 26, 1951.

The committee on Military Affairs and Public Safety, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 304) of George J. Evans for legislation to regulate the use of air rifles or so-called BB guns by minors under the age of sixteen, report the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 594).

For the committee,

CHARLES W. HEDGES.

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

AN ACT REGULATING THE SALE AND USE OF AIR RIFLES OR SO-CALLED BB 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 269 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by inserting after section 12, as appearing in the Ter-
3 centenary Edition, the following two sections: —

4 *Section 12A.* Whoever sells to a minor under the
5 age of sixteen or whoever, not being the parent, guard-
6 ian or adult teacher or instructor, furnishes to a minor
7 under the age of sixteen an air rifle or so-called BB
8 gun, shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty
9 nor more than two hundred dollars or by imprison-
10 ment for not more than six months.

11 *Section 12B.* No minor under the age of sixteen
12 shall have an air rifle or so-called BB gun in his pos-
13 session while in any place to which the public has a
14 right of access unless he is accompanied by an adult
15 or unless he is the holder of a sporting or hunting
16 license and has on his person a permit from the chief
17 of police of the town in which he resides granting him
18 the right of such possession. No person shall discharge
19 a BB shot, pellet or other object from an air rifle or
20 so-called BB gun into, from or across any street, alley,
21 public way or railroad or railway right of way, and no

22 minor under the age of sixteen shall discharge a BB
23 shot, pellet or other object from an air rifle or BB
24 gun unless he is accompanied by an adult or is the
25 holder of a sporting or hunting license. Any person
26 violating this section shall be punished by the confisca-
27 tion of such air rifle or BB gun or by a fine of not less
28 than ten nor more than fifty dollars or both, or by
29 imprisonment for not more than thirty days and by
30 such confiscation.

