

SENATE No. 1376

By Mr. Bachrach, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1376) of George Bachrach, Mary Jane Gibson, Susan D. Schur, Barbara E. Gray, other members of the General Court and another for legislation to restrict the sale or distribution of snub-nosed handguns. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-four.

AN ACT RESTRICTING THE SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF SNUB-NOSED
HANDGUNS.

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 122, Chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after the word gunsmith, in line 7, the
3 following: except that no person shall be authorized under this
4 section to sell, rent, or lease firearms, of which the length of
5 barrels excluding the chamber is three inches or less, and
6 easily concealed in the palm of the hand or the coat pocket,
7 unless the person seeking to buy, rent, or lease said firearm
8 of which the length of the barrel excluding the chamber is
9 three inches or less is a duly sworn, full time, active police
10 officer in the Commonwealth who must use said firearm in the
11 performance of his or her duties. No person shall be authoriz-
12 ed under this section to sell interchangeable barrel stocks of
13 said firearm of which the length of the barrels excluding the
14 chambers is three inches or less.

