

By Miss O'Brien of Easthampton, petition of Shannon P. O'Brien for legislation to require the reporting of felony convictions to the Department of Public Safety to verify eligibility for certain firearm licenses. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

AN ACT REQUIRING THE REPORTING OF FELONY CONVICTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO VERIFY ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN FIREARM LICENSES.

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 inserting
2 after section 131J, the following section: —

3 Section 131K. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other
4 law to the contrary, the court in which a person is convicted of
5 a felony, shall report immediately to the department of public
6 safety the name or names of the person so convicted. Such report
7 shall include the address, former known addresses and social
8 security number of the person, the crime for which the person is
9 convicted and any other data required to assure positive
10 identification.

11 The department of public safety shall forthwith examine and
12 verify said information to determine if such person has been issued
13 a firearm identification card under section one hundred and
14 twenty-nine B or a license to carry firearms under section one
15 hundred and thirty-one and shall notify the appropriate local
16 licensing authorities of such felony conviction.

17 No information obtained pursuant to this section shall be
18 released or utilized for any purpose other than those set forth in
19 this section.

