

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 14, 1982.

The committee on Criminal Justice, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1494) of Samuel Rotondi and Kevin Burke for legislation relative to the carrying of dangerous weapons; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1498) of Samuel Rotondi and Philip E. Shea for legislation to further regulate the possession of firearms; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2556) of Antone S. Aguiar, Jr., relative to the sentencing provisions for the crime of possession of firearms; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2557) of Antone S. Aguiar, Jr., relative to allowing discretion in requiring a minimum mandatory jail sentence of one year, without suspension, probation or parole, for the unlicensed or unauthorized carrying of firearms, rifles or shotguns, loaded or unloaded; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2572) of Allan R. Chiocca and Arthur Joseph Lewis, Jr., relative to the possession of a zip gun, firearm or any parts thereof by inmates in state or county correctional institutions; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2587) of Robert L. Howarth relative to the use of firearms while committing a felony; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4446) of Denis Lawrence for an investigation and study by the Legislative Research Council relative to the effectiveness of the law providing a one year mandatory sentence for the possession of a firearm without a license; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4793) of the Massachusetts Police Association relative to further defining dangerous weapons and establishing a penalty for the possession of a knife in the commission or attempted commission of a crime; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5571) of Royall H. Switzler that provision be made for mandatory minimum prison sentences for use of firearms in the commission of certain offenses, reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 6028) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

W. PAUL WHITE.

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

Ordered, That the Legislative Research Council be directed to undertake an investigation and study relative to the current statutes relative to the licensure, possession, and carrying of firearms including but not limited to Chapter 269, Section 10. The study shall include an examination and report of all available statistics on arrests, prosecutions and dispositions of cases involving violations of criminal statutes pertaining to the use and possession of firearms, and shall consider the subject matter of current Senate and House documents; Senate documents numbered 1494, relative to the carrying of dangerous weapons; 1498, regulating the possession of firearms; House documents numbered 2556, relative to the possession of a firearm; 2557, pertaining to a minimum mandatory for the unlicensed use of firearms; 2572, relative to the possession of firearms; 2587 relative to use of a firearm; 4446, investigating current statutes on firearms; 4793, further defining dangerous weapons; 5571, providing for mandatory minimum sentences for use of a firearm. Said Council shall file the results of its study with the Clerk of the House of Representatives on or before the last Wednesday of January in the year nineteen hundred and eighty-three.