

HOUSE No. 137.

Bill accompanying the petition of Charles H. Newcomb for legislation to prohibit the use and sale of automatic firearms. Probate and Chancery. January 12.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Five.

AN ACT

To prevent the Use and Sale of Automatic Firearms.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 It shall be unlawful for any one to own, use, keep,
2 or possess, sell, offer to sell, or advertise to sell any
3 automatic gun rifle, revolver, or dangerous automatic
4 fire arm whatsoever. Whoever violates this act shall
5 be punished by a fine of not over one hundred dollars
6 for each offence or imprisoned for not over thirty days.
7 An automatic weapon, under this act, is one by which
8 the explosion of one charge operates to discharge the
9 weapon again, or one by which more than one missile
10 is discharged by a single or continued pressure of the
11 trigger. This statute shall in no way affect the sale or
12 use of any arm or arms for military purposes.

