

HOUSE No. 1178

By Mr. Cousens of Waltham, petition of George Chauncey Cousens for legislation to permit the use of double B shot in shotguns during the daytime. Conservation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PERMITTING THE USE OF DOUBLE B SHOT IN SHOTGUNS IN THE DAYTIME.

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 one hundred and four of chapter one hun-
2 dred and thirty-one of the General Laws, as most
3 recently amended by chapter three hundred and
4 twenty-four of the acts of nineteen hundred and
5 thirty-seven, is hereby further amended by striking
6 out the words "as aforesaid" in the thirteenth line
7 of the second paragraph and inserting in place thereof
8 the words:— with shot, bullet or ball larger than
9 double B shot, — so that said paragraph will read as
10 follows:— The possession, except as authorized herein,
11 during the period between one half hour after sunset
12 and one half hour before sunrise in any place where
13 deer might be found of a jack or artificial light and
14 also any firearm and ammunition adapted to the
15 hunting of deer, including a shotgun together with

16 shotgun shells loaded with shot, bullet or ball larger
17 than number two shot but not including a rifle the
18 calibre of which is not larger than that of a twenty-
19 two long rifle, so-called, or a pistol or revolver of not
20 more than thirty-eight calibre, or the possession,
21 except as authorized herein, during the period between
22 one half hour before sunrise and one half hour after
23 sunset in any such place of such a shotgun together
24 with shotgun shells loaded, with shot, bullet or ball
25 larger than double B shot, shall constitute prima facie
26 evidence that the person in possession thereof is using
27 the same for the purpose of hunting deer in violation
28 of this section.