

HOUSE No. 1446

By Mr. Bradford of Rochester (by request), petition of Karen Jacobsen and another relative to the penalty for discharging firearms within one thousand feet of a family home. Criminal Justice.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROTECTING HOMEOWNERS FROM HARASSMENT BY HUNTERS.

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 12E of Chapter 269 of the General Laws, as most
2 recently amended by Chapter 261 of the Acts of 1972, is hereby
3 further amended by striking out the first sentence and substituting
4 the following: —

5 Whoever discharges a firearm as defined in Section 121 of
6 Chapter 140, a rifle, or shotgun, within one thousand feet of a
7 dwelling or other building, except with the consent of the owner or
8 legal occupant thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than
9 five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in a jail or house of
10 correction for not more than three months, or both.

