

SENATE No. 1204

By Mr. Keating, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1204) of William R. Keating for legislation to regulate the possession of certain electrical weapons. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REGULATING THE POSSESSION OF CERTAIN ELECTRICAL WEAPONS.

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 1. The first paragraph of section 121 of chapter 140
2 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the sixth
3 sentence, inserted by section 1 of chapter 892 of the Acts of 1973,
4 the following sentence: —

5 The term ammunition shall also mean any device or instrument
6 which emits an electrical current, impulse, wave or beam which is
7 designed to incapacitate.

1 SECTION 2. Section 10c of chapter 269 of the General Laws,
2 as most recently amended by chapter 789 of the Acts of 1974, is
3 hereby further amended by striking out said section and inserting
4 in place thereof the following section: —

5 Whoever uses tear gas cartridges, chemical mace, or any device
6 or instrument which contains a liquid, gas, powder, or any other
7 substance designed to incapacitate or whoever uses a device or
8 instrument which emits an electrical current, impulse, wave or
9 beam designed to incapacitate for the purpose of committing a
10 crime shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not
11 more than seven years.

