

By Mr. Clark of Hamilton, petition of Forrester A. Clark, Jr., for legislation to further regulate the use of firearms in the vicinity of dwellings, highways or streets and establishing a penalty for such illegal use. Criminal Justice.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE USE OF FIREARMS NEAR DWELLINGS,
HIGHWAYS OR STREETS.

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. Section 58 of chapter 131 of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended by striking out the words "five hundred feet"
3 in line 5, as appearing in the 1990 Official Edition, and inserting
4 in place thereof the following words: — one thousand feet for
5 rifles, semi-automatic weapons, automatic weapons, hand guns
6 or other firearms whose range may exceed five hundred feet.

1 SECTION 2. Section 12E of chapter 269 of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence, as appearing
3 in the 1990 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the
4 following sentence: —

5 Whoever discharges a firearm as defined in section one hundred
6 and twenty-one of chapter one hundred and forty, a shotgun
7 within five hundred feet of a dwelling or other building in use,
8 or a rifle, semi-automatic weapon, automatic weapon, hand gun
9 or other firearm whose range may exceed five hundred feet, within
10 one thousand feet of such a dwelling or building, except with the
11 consent of the owner or legal occupant thereof, shall be punished
12 by a fine of not less than fifty nor more than one hundred dollars
13 or by imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for not more
14 than three months, or both.

