

By Mr. Wetmore of Barre, petition of Robert D. Wetmore for legislation to permit the sale of sporting licenses by sporting goods stores. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Five.

AN ACT ALLOWING THE SALE OF SPORTING LICENSES TO BE SOLD FROM SPORTING GOODS STORES.

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

1 Chapter 131 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking out section 12 and inserting in place thereof the
3 following section:—
4 *Section 12.* Upon the application of any person entitled to
5 receive a sporting, hunting, fishing or trapping license and upon
6 payment of the fee specified therefor in this chapter, and the
7 furnishing of an affidavit by any non-resident desiring to be
8 classified under the first paragraph of section eleven, the
9 director, the clerk of any city or town, and persons employed in
10 the department of natural resources, the department of
11 commerce and the division of fisheries and game and authorized
12 by the director to issue such licenses, and any other persons
13 authorized by the director to issue such licenses at their place of
14 business located within or without the commonwealth provided
15 such persons are duly bonded, shall issue to such person a
16 sporting, hunting, fishing or trapping license, as the case may be,
17 in such form as the director shall prescribe and furnish. Subject
18 to existing laws, a sporting license shall authorize the licensee to
19 hunt birds and mammals and to fish, a fishing license shall
20 authorize the licensee to fish only, a hunting license shall
21 authorize the licensee to hunt only, and a trapping license shall
22 authorize the licensee to trap mammals only. Each license issued

23 hereunder shall bear a written declaration, signed by the
24 licensee, under penalty of perjury, that data and statements
25 contained in the license are true, and such other data as the
26 director requires. The holder of a hunting, fishing, sporting or
27 trapping license shall, while hunting, fishing or trapping, carry
28 on his person and wear in a visible manner on his outer clothing
29 his license authorizing him to do so in accordance with such
30 rules and regulations as the director may from time to time
31 prescribe.