

By Mr. Bly of Saugus, petition of Belden G. Bly, Jr., relative to certification of firearms for police officers. Public Safety.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CERTIFICATION OF FIREARMS FOR POLICE OFFICERS.

*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 98 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by adding at the end thereof the following new  
3 paragraph:— All law enforcement officers of the Com-  
4 monwealth who are required to carry a firearm (herein defined  
5 as pistol or revolver) shall qualify semi-annually on the official  
6 National Rifle Association B-27 Police Combat Target, firing a  
7 minimum score of 294 with 42 rounds at the distance and within  
8 the time using the positions required in the courses. All phases  
9 shall be fired by the double-action method. No officer may be  
10 initially appointed to police duty without successfully completing  
11 this course and failure of any officer to qualify under provisions  
12 established will result in revocation of his privilege of carrying a  
13 pistol or revolver on or about his person.

14 PHASE I — 7 yards, 12 rounds, point shoulder position fired  
15 in 25 seconds.

16 PHASE II — 15 yards, 6 rounds fired from right hand  
17 unsupported, 6 rounds fired from left hand unsupported, firing  
18 time 45 seconds.

19 PHASE III — 25 yards, 6 rounds right barricade, 6 rounds  
20 left barricade, 6 rounds kneeling, firing time 90 seconds.

21 All stages are started with weapon loaded and holstered.

22 Certification of qualification may be made by the senior  
23 firearm instructor of the Massachusetts State Police or qualified  
24 instructors of any city or town maintaining regular and  
25 continuing firearms programs.

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The Constitution of the United States . . . . .

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