

By Mr. Flaherty of Boston, petition of the Gun Owners' Action League, Inc., and Michael F. Flaherty for legislation to further regulate the use of black powder firearms. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE USE OF BLACK POWDER FIREARMS.

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 121 of chapter 140 of the General Laws, as most
2 recently amended by section 1 of chapter 456 of the acts of 1971,
3 is hereby further amended by striking out the third paragraph
4 and inserting in place thereof the following:—Sections one
5 hundred and twenty-two to one-hundred and twenty-nine D,
6 inclusive and sections one hundred and thirty-one, one hundred
7 and thirty-one A, one hundred and thirty-one B and one
8 hundred and thirty-one E shall not apply to

9 (A) any firearm, rifle or shotgun including any firearm, rifle
10 or shotgun with matchlock, flintlock, percussion cap, or similar
11 type of ignition system manufactured in or before eighteen
12 hundred and ninety-eight;

13 (B) any replica, or firearm, rifle or shotgun described in
14 clause (A) if such replica (i) is not designed or redesigned for
15 using rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition, or (ii)
16 uses rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition which
17 is no longer manufactured in the United States and which is not
18 readily available in the ordinary channels of commercial trade;
19 and

20 (C) manufacturers or wholesalers of firearms, rifles, shotguns
21 or machine guns.

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