

By Mr. Brewer of Barre, petition of Stephen M. Brewer, Edward B. Teague III, Matthew J. Amorello and another relative to the keeping of criminal records by the Commissioner of Public Safety relative to the use of firearms, rifles and shotguns. Public Safety.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE RECORD KEEPING OF CRIMES INVOLVING THE USE OF FIREARMS, RIFLES AND SHOTGUNS.

*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 one hundred and forty of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after section one hundred and thirty-one J the  
3 following section: —

4 Section 131K. The commissioner of public safety shall acquire,  
5 classify and collect crime statistics pursuant to a request of the  
6 Attorney General of the United States; acting under the provisions  
7 of 28 USC 534 or a request of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

8 In compiling such statistics, the commissioner shall request the  
9 chief of police or the board or officer having control of a police  
10 department to annually forward to him records of the number of  
11 crimes committed within their jurisdictions with the use of a firearm,  
12 rifle, machine gun, sawed-off shotgun or shotgun and whether or not  
13 the individual committing such crimes possessed a valid license  
14 issued under any section in this chapter from one hundred and  
15 twenty-one to one hundred and thirty one F, and whether such  
16 firearm, rifle, machine gun, sawed-off shotgun or shotgun was  
17 legally or illegally obtained and the origin of such firearm, rifle,  
18 machine gun, sawed-off shotgun or shotgun.

