

By Mr. Caron of Springfield, petition of Paul E. Caron, Christopher J. Hodgkins, Emile J. Goguen and James P. Jajuga relative to the purchase of firearms by non-residents. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PURCHASE OF FIREARMS BY NON-RESIDENTS.

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

1 The fourth paragraph of section 129C of Chapter 140 of the
2 General Laws, as appearing in the 1992 Official Edition, is hereby
3 amended by striking out clause (q) and inserting in place thereof
4 the following clause: —

5 (q) Any nonresident who is eighteen years of age or older when
6 acquiring a rifle, shotgun, or ammunition from a licensed firearms
7 dealer, provided that such nonresident holds a valid firearms
8 license from said state of residence, and provided that such license
9 may not be issued to a person convicted of a felony or convicted
10 of the unlawful use, possession or sale of narcotic or harmful
11 drugs; and provided further that the commissioner of the depart-
12 ment of public safety shall annually publish a list of those states
13 who's licensing requirements meet these provisions, upon his
14 determination that such states maintain licensing standards which
15 are essentially equivalent to Massachusetts standards. Individuals
16 not licensed by listed states or by the commonwealth shall be
17 prohibited from purchasing firearms, rifles or shotguns.

