

By Ms. Chesky of Holyoke, petition of Evelyn G. Chesky, Mary Jeanette Murray, Joseph F. Wagner, Mary Jane Simmons, Patricia D. Jehlen and David F. Gately for legislation to require the reporting of felony convictions to the Commissioner of Public Safety to verify eligibility for certain firearm licenses. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REQUIRING THE REPORTING OF FELONY CONVICTIONS TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO VERIFY ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN FIREARM LICESES.

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 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by insert-
2 ing after section 131J, the following new section:—

3 Section 131K. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law
4 to the contrary, the court in which a person is convicted of a felony
5 or the unlawful use, possession or sale of a narcotic or harmful drug,
6 shall report immediately to the department of public safety the name
7 or names of the person so convicted. Such report shall include the
8 address, former known addresses and social security number of the
9 person, the crime for which the person is convicted and any other
10 data required to assure positive identification.

11 The commissioner of public safety shall forthwith examine and
12 verify said information to determine if such person has been issued a
13 firearm identification card under section one hundred and twenty-
14 nine B or a license to carry firearms under section one hundred and
15 thirty-one and shall notify the appropriate local licensing authorities
16 that such person has been convicted of an offense which disqualifies
17 him from continuing to hold a license to carry firearms or firearms
18 identification card.

The first part of the report deals with the general situation of the country and the progress of the work during the year. It is followed by a detailed account of the various projects and the results achieved. The report concludes with a summary of the work done and the plans for the future.

The Administration of the Department

The Department has been fortunate to have had a very able and efficient administration throughout the year. The work of the various sections has been carried out in a most satisfactory manner and the results have been most encouraging. The progress made during the year has been due to the co-operation and assistance of the various departments and the staff of the Department.

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