

SENATE No. 179

By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 179) of Richard T. Moore, Marie J. Parente, Carol A. Donovan, James P. Jajuga and other members of the General Court for legislation to restrict unauthorized firearm possession in court facilities. Criminal Justice.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO RESTRICT UNAUTHORIZED FIREARMS POSSESSION IN COURT FACILITIES.

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 ten of chapter two hundred and sixty-nine of the
2 General Laws, as appearing in the 1994 Official Edition, is hereby
3 amended by inserting after subsection (1), the following sub-
4 section:—

5 (m) Whoever, not being a law enforcement officer, and
6 notwithstanding any license obtained by him under the provisions
7 of chapter one hundred and forty, carries on his person a firearm
8 as hereinafter defined, loaded or unloaded, or other dangerous
9 weapon in any building or on the grounds of any court or other
10 premises occupied by the judicial branch, without the written
11 authorization of the board or officer in charge of such facility,
12 shall be punished by a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars,
13 or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.

14 Notice of such penalty shall be prominently displayed at all
15 public entrances of such court facility. For the purpose of this
16 paragraph, "firearm" shall mean any pistol, revolver, rifle, or
17 smoothbore arm from which a shot, bullet, or pellet can be dis-
18 charged by whatever means.

19 Any officer in charge of a court facility, or administrative
20 officer of the judicial branch, failing to report violations of this
21 paragraph shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by a fine
22 of not more than five hundred dollars.

