

HOUSE No. 3187

By Mr. Craven of Boston, petition of the Police Officers Legislative Organization of Mass. and James J. Craven, Jr., relative to the definition of a "firearm". Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO DEFINITION OF A FIREARM.

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 is hereby
2 amended by striking the first sentence and inserting the following
3 sentence: —

4 "In sections one hundred and twenty-two to one hundred and
5 thirty-one F, inclusive, "firearm" shall mean a pistole, revolver,
6 any weapon made from a shotgun, whether by alteration,
7 modification, or otherwise, if such weapon as modified has an
8 overall length of less than twenty-six inches, or other weapon of
9 any description loaded or unloaded, from which a shot or bullet
10 can be discharged and of which the length of barrel is less than
11 sixteen inches or eighteen inches in the case of a shotgun, and the
12 term "length of barrel" shall mean that portion of a firearm, rifle,
13 shotgun, or machine gun through which a shot or bullet is driven,
14 guided, or stabilized, and shall include the chamber."

