

By Mr. Coffey of West Springfield, petition of John F. Coffey relative to the control of sawed-off shotguns. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CONTROL OF SAWED-OFF 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 Section 10 of Chapter 269 of the General Laws as most recently
2 amended by section 1 of Chapter 585 of the Acts of 1975 is hereby
3 amended by striking out paragraph (c) as appearing in section 2 of
4 Chapter 649 of the Acts of 1974 and inserting in place thereof the
5 following paragraph: —

6 Whoever, except as provided by law, possesses a machine gun,
7 as defined in section one hundred and twenty-one of chapter one
8 hundred and forty, without permission under section one hundred
9 and thirty-one of said chapter one hundred and forty; or whoever
10 owns, possesses, or carries on his person, or carries on his person or
11 under his control in a vehicle, a sawed-off shotgun, as defined in
12 clause (k) of section ten of chapter two hundred and sixty-nine,
13 shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for life, or for
14 any term of years provided that any sentence imposed under the
15 provisions of this clause shall be subject to the minimum
16 requirements of clause (a) of this section.

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