

By Mr. Karol of Attleboro, petition of Stephen J. Karol, William R. Keating, Robert A. Durand and Steven Angelo relative to the use of bow and arrow weapons in the sport of hunting. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ARCHERY.

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 1. Section 64 of chapter 131 of the General Laws,
2 as appearing in the 1990 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 striking section 64 of chapter 131 and inserting in place thereof
4 the following new section: —

5 Section 64. A person shall not use for hunting purposes any
6 type of full automatic firearm, machine gun or submachine gun,
7 or any crossbow, nor use an tracer or incendiary ammunition for
8 hunting or outdoor target shooting purposes except on a skeet,
9 trap, or target range.

1 SECTION 2. Section 69 of chapter 131 of the General Laws,
2 as appearing in the 1990 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 striking section 69 of chapter 131 and inserting in place thereof
4 the following new section: —

5 Section 69. A person shall not carry or use a bow and arrow
6 while hunting unless said bow and arrow meet such requirements
7 as may be set by rules and regulations which the director is hereby
8 authorized to promulgate. Such rules and regulations shall
9 prescribe general design, weight of pull, and type of bows and
10 arrows, and shall conform to standards generally accepted for
11 bows and arrows used for hunting purposes. Nothing contained
12 in this paragraph shall be construed to permit the use of
13 crossbows.

