

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 4436

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 21, 1999.

The committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 967) of John F. Duplease, Jr., for legislation to allow the use of crossbows by certain handicapped persons, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 973) of Stephen M. Brewer, David H. Tuttle, Robert A. Antonioni and Donald Neilsen for legislation to permit the use of crossbows by certain handicapped persons, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 291) of James R. Miceli for legislation to permit the use of crossbows for hunting by persons sixty-five years of age or older, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1034) of Nancy Flavin, Douglas W. Stoddart, Christopher G. Hodgkins and Stephen Kulik relative to the use of crossbows by certain handicapped persons, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4436) ought to pass.

For the committee,

DOUGLAS W. PETERSEN.

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

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AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE USE OF CROSSBOWS IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

*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 131 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by  
2 striking out Section 69, as most recently amended by Chapter 146  
3 of the Acts of 1997, and by inserting in place thereof, the  
4 following after the word "crossbows" in line 8: Notwithstanding  
5 the above, anyone who has a permanent physical disability as cer-  
6 tified, in writing, by a licensed physician, and who has been certi-  
7 fied by such physician as being unable, due to said disability, to  
8 operate a conventional bow and arrow, shall be issued a permit to  
9 operate a crossbow, upon review by the Division of Fisheries and  
10 Wildlife of the aforementioned physician certifications.