

SENATE No. 1287

By Ms. Pines, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1287) of Lois G. Pines for legislation to create firearms data reporting systems. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT CREATING FIREARMS DATA REPORTING SYSTEMS.

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. Chapter one hundred and forty of the
2 Massachusetts General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
3 following new section: —

4 Section 122C. The secretary of the executive office of public
5 safety shall establish a computerized firearms data registration
6 and licensing system. Said system shall collect and maintain, in an
7 up-to-date computer database, firearms registration and licensing
8 information, including, but not limited to, the name and last
9 recorded address of every owner of a registered gun in the
10 Commonwealth and the status of each such gun owner's firearms
11 license. Said system shall be maintained in a manner that allows
12 federal, state and local law enforcement agencies and the judiciary
13 immediate access to said information via computer with either an
14 address or a name.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter one hundred and forty of the
2 Massachusetts General Laws is hereby further amended by adding
3 the following new section: —

4 Section 122D. The Secretary, in cooperation with the judiciary,
5 the office of the commissioner of probation, the state police
6 department, local law enforcement agencies and the federal office
7 of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, shall establish a firearms
8 fatality and injury reporting system. Said system shall collect,
9 record and maintain, in an up-to-date and computerized database,

10 information on: (1) every gun registered in the Commonwealth,
11 including the type, make, model, caliber and serial number; (2)
12 every human fatality occurring in the Commonwealth, including
13 homicides, suicides, unintentional and undetermined deaths, that
14 is caused by or related to the discharge of a firearm, including the
15 age, race, sex and address of the victim; the type, make, model,
16 caliber and serial number of the weapon used; the amount and
17 type of ammunition used; the location where the death occurred;
18 and age, race, sex and address of the shooter; whether drugs or
19 alcohol were a factor; and whether any medical treatment was
20 attempted and, if so, the cost of such services and whether public
21 assistance paid the cost; (3) every human injury occurring in the
22 Commonwealth that is caused by or related to the discharge of a
23 firearm, including the age, race, sex and address of the victim; the
24 type, make, model, caliber and serial number of the weapon used;
25 the amount and type of ammunition used; the location where the
26 injury occurred; the age, race, sex and address of the shooter;
27 whether drugs or alcohol were a factor; the nature and extent of
28 the victim's injuries; and, if the victim's injuries required medical
29 treatment, whether the victim's medical bills were covered by pri-
30 vate insurance or whether they were covered by public assistance
31 and, if the latter, an estimate of the cost of said medical treatment.