

By Mr. Clark of Hamilton, petition of Forrester A. Clark, Jr., for legislation to further regulate the use of firearms in the vicinity of dwellings, highways or streets and establishing a penalty for such illegal use. Criminal Justice.

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## **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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### **AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE USE OF FIREARMS NEAR DWELLINGS, HIGHWAYS OR STREETS.**

*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 58 of chapter 131 of the General Laws  
2 is hereby amended by striking out the words "five hundred feet"  
3 in line 5, as appearing in the 1990 Official Edition, and inserting  
4 in place thereof the following words: — one thousand feet for  
5 rifles, semi-automatic weapons, automatic weapons, hand guns  
6 or other firearms whose range may exceed five hundred feet.

1 SECTION 2. Section 12E of chapter 269 of the General Laws  
2 is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence, as appearing  
3 in the 1990 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the  
4 following sentence: —

5 Whoever discharges a firearm as defined in section one hundred  
6 and twenty-one of chapter one hundred and forty, a shotgun  
7 within five hundred feet of a dwelling or other building in use,  
8 or a rifle, semi-automatic weapon, automatic weapon, hand gun  
9 or other firearm whose range may exceed five hundred feet, within  
10 one thousand feet of such a dwelling or building, except with the  
11 consent of the owner or legal occupant thereof, shall be punished  
12 by a fine of not less than fifty nor more than one hundred dollars  
13 or by imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for not more  
14 than three months, or both.

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