



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts A REFERENDUM PETITION

Pursuant to Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the
Constitution of the Commonwealth

We request against chapter 135 of the Acts of 2024, "An Act Modernizing Firearm
Laws." We request a referendum on this law.

SUMMARY

This law makes a number of changes to Massachusetts laws governing firearms. The law adds school administrators and licensed healthcare providers as parties permitted to ask a court to issue an Extreme Risk Protection Order – requiring an individual to surrender or relinquish their firearm licenses, permits, and firearms – if that individual is a present danger to self or others. The law also provides that, when a court issues an Extreme Risk Protection Order, the court may also order the surrender of firearm licenses, permits, and firearms.

The law also changes penalties for possessing, carrying, or transferring untraceable "ghost guns" and requires all firearms except antique firearms, including unfinished frames and receivers that can be readily made into a finished product, to have serial numbers. This includes privately-made guns and 3D-printed guns within the provisions governing untraceable "ghost gun" firearms.

The law changes firearm licensing requirements to: (1) allow licensing authorities to request prior license and permit information from the state as well as access petitions for involuntary mental health commitments denied by a court in addition to prior involuntary commitments as part of their review of application for licenses to carry firearms, firearm ID cards, and licenses to sell firearms; (2) require an individual to be 21 years of age to own semi-automatic rifles or shotguns; (3) add the possibility of incarceration of up to six months for a second offense of failing to report a firearm loss or theft; and (4) establish that 18-year olds to apply for self-defense spray permit with parental permissions, and 16-year olds to apply independently.

The law allows local firearm licensing authorities to transfer responsibility to inspect firearm dealers to the State Police. The law requires local licensing authorities

to attend statewide training regarding those inspections. It requires dealers to confiscate expired or suspended licenses and report them to the state and to local licensing authorities.

The law changes the definition of "machine gun" to include bump stocks, trigger cranks, Glock switches and auto sears among the devices whose possession and use are subject to penalties. It expands the definition of "silencer" to include the parts used to construct a silencer.

The law clarifies how to determine whether a firearm is an assault-style weapon and the circumstances under which a person may continue to possess assault-style weapons and large capacity feeding devices they already own.

The law requires the state Firearm Control Advisory Board and the state Secretary of Public Safety and Security to review and update the rosters of prohibited assault-style firearms, approved firearms, and approved firearms sold for target shooting.

The law clarifies requirements relating to the carry and transport of firearms in motor vehicles and ATVs. It prohibits the carrying of firearms in government buildings, polling locations, and schools, with certain exceptions.

The law expands data compilation and reporting requirements to and from the state and creates a publicly-accessible dashboard of anonymized aggregate firearm data, along with a requirement for the state to submit that data to the state commission to study that data.

The law requires the State Police to provide training and a test for new applicants for licenses to carry firearms and Firearm ID cards.

The law establishes two special legislative commissions – one to examine funding for violence prevention services, and one to study emerging firearms technology.

The law criminalizes discharging a firearm and striking a building in use.

FILING DEADLINES. Referendum petitions must be submitted to local election officials for certification of signatures no later than **5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 9, 2024.** Local election officials must complete their certification no later than October 21, 2024. Thereafter, referendum petitions containing certified signatures must be retrieved by petitioners from the local election officials and then filed with the Elections Division, Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, One Ashburton Place, Room 1705, Boston, MA, no later than **5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 23, 2024.**

FIRST TEN SIGNERS

James Lee Wallace	13 Russell Terrace	New Bedford
Jonathan Scott Green	3 Talbot Street	Hudson
Michael Richard Harris	70 Bigelow Street	Marlborough
Kerrie Ann Auclair	100 North Main Street	Berkley
Garet D. Holcomb	5 Esther Ave	North Andover
Wayne M. Adams	104 Merriam Road	Princeton
Anthony Nolan Howard	461 Beech Street, # 2	Boston
John Robert Mawhinney	32 Clipper Circle	Sandwich
Charles R. Cook	3 Church Street	Sturbridge
Rino Tonelli	359 Thompson Road	Webster

These names have been certified as names of registered voters in their places of residence. Original petition was filed on August 8, 2024.

William Francis Galvin

SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

REGISTRAR USE ONLY:

REGISTRAR MAY WRITE IN THIS AREA

STATUS OF THIS PETITION MAY BE CONTACTED AT:

Referendum Petition
287 Turnpike Road, Suite 115
Westboro, MA 01581
978-479-6752

CIRCULATOR AND SIGNER INFORMATION

INSTRUCTIONS TO CIRCULATORS AND SIGNERS

- **DO NOT ALTER THIS REFERENDUM PETITION IN ANY WAY. ADDITIONAL MARKINGS ON THIS PETITION WILL DISQUALIFY ANY SIGNATURES ON THIS PETITION SHEET.**
- For your signature to be valid, you must be a registered voter in the city or town named below and your signature should be written substantially as registered. DO NOT sign the same petition more than once.
- If you are prevented by physical disability from writing, you may authorize some person to write your name and residence in your presence.

ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS OF

MAY SIGN THIS SHEET.

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Circulator petition sheet number

ATTENTION VOTERS: Before signing, read signer information on other side. CITY OR TOWN:

REGISTRAR USE ONLY	I. SIGNATURE to be made in person with name substantially as registered (except in case of physical disability as stated on other side)	II. NOW REGISTERED AT (street, number and apartment number, if any) (city or town will be the same as stated above)	WARD	PREC.
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WARNING - criminal penalty for unlawfully signing, forging, defacing, mutilating, or destroying, or suppressing this petition: fine of up to \$1,000 or imprisonment for up to one year.

INSTRUCTIONS TO REGISTRARS

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| <p>REGISTRAR INFORMATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must time-stamp or write in date and time these papers are received. Check this <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> against the name of each qualified voter to be certified. For names not certified, use the code at the right. Draw a line through any blank spaces not containing signatures. Each sheet must be certified by at least three registrars. A facsimile stamp is acceptable. You must complete certification no later than Monday, October 21, 2024. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> no such registered voters with address, or address is illegible. Signatures of form of signature, or illegible. W - write complete name T - already qualified voters for this question. |
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CERTIFICATION OF SIGNATURES

At least three registrars' names must be signed and stamped below.

_____ city or town _____ month and day

We certify that _____
(number of names certified -- use numbers and words)

above signatures checked thus are names of qualified voters from this city or town.

Registrars of Voters or Election Commissioners of

_____ city or town _____ county

ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS OF MAY SIGN THIS SHEET.