

HOUSE No. 2138

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul R. Heroux

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to equitable firearm license fees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Leah Cole</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Heroux of Attleboro, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2138) of Paul R. Heroux and others relative to firearm license fees. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3268 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to equitable firearm license fees.

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 129B of Chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
2 Official Edition, shall be amended by striking paragraph (9A) in lines 187 to 197 and replacing it
3 with the following:-

4 (9A) Except as provided in clause (9B) or (9C), the fee for an application for a firearm
5 identification card shall be \$40, which shall be payable to the licensing authority and shall not be
6 prorated or refunded in the case of revocation or denial. The licensing authority shall retain \$20
7 of the fee; \$20 of the fee shall be deposited in the General Fund.

8 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, licensing authorities shall
9 deposit quarterly that portion of the firearm identification card application fee which is to be

10 deposited into the General Fund, not later than January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1 of each
11 year.

12 SECTION 2. Section 131 of Chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
13 Official Edition, shall be amended by striking out in paragraph (i) in lines 231 to 254 the words,
14 “The fee for the application shall be \$100, which shall be payable to the licensing authority and
15 shall not be prorated or refunded in case of revocation or denial. The licensing authority shall
16 retain \$25 of the fee; \$50 of the fee shall be deposited into the general fund of the
17 commonwealth and not less than \$50,000 of the funds deposited into the General Fund shall be
18 allocated to the Firearm Licensing Review Board, established in section 130B, for its operations
19 and that any funds not expended by said board for its operations shall revert back to the General
20 Fund; and \$25 of the fee shall be deposited in the Firearms Fingerprint Identity Verification
21 Trust Fund.” and replacing it with the following:-

22 The fee for the application shall be \$40, which shall be payable to the licensing authority
23 and shall not be prorated or refunded in case of revocation or denial. The licensing authority
24 shall retain \$20 of the fee; \$20 of the fee shall be deposited into the general fund of the
25 commonwealth and not less than \$50,000 of the funds deposited into the General Fund shall be
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27 and that any funds not expended by said board for its operations shall revert back to the General
28 Fund.