

HOUSE No. 763

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Josh S. Cutler

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 firearm suppressor safety.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Josh S. Cutler

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

6th Plymouth

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By Mr. Cutler of Duxbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 763) of Josh S. Cutler relative to the penalty for the possession of firearm suppressor devices used for silencing, muffling, or diminishing the report of portable firearms. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to firearm suppressor safety.

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 10A of Chapter 269 of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby amended by
2 deleting the section in its entirety and inserting in place the following:

3 Section 10A.

4 Any person found to be in possession of a firearm suppressor who is:

5 (a) a prohibited person under section 131 of chapter 140;

6 (b) in the commission of a violent crime or felony;

7 (c) in the commission of a crime of violence against a family or household member;

8 (d) conducting sales or has possession of controlled substances as defined in chapter 94C;

9 shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than ten years in state prison or for not
10 more than two and one-half years in a jail or house of correction.

11 For the purposes of this section the term “firearm suppressor” shall have the same
12 meaning as Federal law 18 USC 921(24): The term “firearm suppressor” means any device for
13 silencing, muffling, or diminishing the report of a portable firearm, including any combination of
14 parts, designed or redesigned, and intended for use in such assembly or fabrication.