

HOUSE No. 2144

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David T. Vieira

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 owners protection.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

David T. Vieira

3rd Barnstable

David Allen Robertson

19th Middlesex

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By Mr. Vieira of Falmouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2144) of David T. Vieira and David Allen Robertson relative to transporting, shipping, or receiving weapons by non-residents. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to firearm owners protection.

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 140 of the Massachusetts General Laws shall be amended by
2 inserting the following new section;

3 Section 131Z: Notwithstanding any general, special law or regulation to the contrary any
4 person, not being a resident of the Commonwealth, who is not otherwise prohibited under federal
5 law from transporting, shipping, or receiving a weapon shall be entitled to transport a weapon for
6 any lawful purpose from any place where he or she may lawfully possess and carry such weapon
7 to any other place where he may lawfully possess and carry such weapon.

8 During such transportation the weapon shall be unloaded. Neither the weapon nor any
9 ammunition being transported shall be readily accessible or directly accessible from the
10 passenger compartment of such transporting vehicle: Provided, That in the case of a vehicle
11 without a compartment separate from the driver’s compartment the weapon and ammunition
12 shall be contained in a locked container other than the glove compartment or console.

13 If a person is found to be in compliance and exempt under this section no persons or
14 property shall be detained, held or confiscated unless an arrestable offense exists outside of the
15 parameters of this section.

16 If a person who is exempt under this section is unexpectedly delayed in their travel
17 including but no limited to mechanical, weather, illness, flight or other commercial travel delays
18 such person shall retain the protections of this section