

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1537**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Michael J. Barrett***

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*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 to require liability insurance for gun ownership.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Michael J. Barrett*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Third Middlesex*

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By Mr. Barrett, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1537) of Michael J. Barrett for legislation to require liability insurance for gun ownership. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1360 OF 2019-2020.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act to require liability insurance for gun ownership.

*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 General Laws is hereby amended by adding the  
2 following section:-

3           Section 207. (a) Any person who possesses, carries, or owns a firearm, rifle or shotgun  
4 shall obtain and maintain a liability policy, bond, or deposit. This section shall not apply to a  
5 person who possesses a firearm, rifle, or shotgun on a temporary basis while on the premises of a  
6 licensed gun club. Violation of this section shall result in a punishment of a fine of not less than  
7 five hundred and not more than five thousand dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than one  
8 year in a house of correction, or both.

9           (b) The commissioner of insurance shall promulgate regulations set forth for the  
10 minimum terms of liability insurance policies which shall satisfy the requirements of this section.