

HOUSE No. 2334

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carlos González

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 tracking, tracing and stopping illegal firearms.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Carlos González</i> | <i>10th Hampden</i> | <i>1/17/2023</i> |
| <i>Bud L. Williams</i> | <i>11th Hampden</i> | <i>1/20/2023</i> |
| <i>Jason M. Lewis</i> | <i>Fifth Middlesex</i> | <i>2/27/2023</i> |

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By Representative González of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2334) of Carlos González, Bud L. Williams and Jason M. Lewis relative to tracking, tracing and stopping illegal firearms. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4926 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to tracking, tracing and stopping illegal firearms.

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 inserting after
2 131Q the following section: -

3 Section 131Q 1/2. There shall be an illegal firearm tracking and tracing task force, which
4 shall consist of 9 members to serve staggered 3 year terms each. 1 member shall be appointment
5 by the Governor, 2 members shall be appointment by the Massachusetts Black and Latino
6 Caucus, 1 member shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House, 1 member shall be appointed
7 by the Senate President, and 3 of those 9 members shall come from a “gateway municipality,”
8 pursuant to Section 3A of Chapter 23A of the General Laws.

9 The purpose of the task force shall be to determine where in the Commonwealth illegal
10 firearms are prevalent, where the illegal firearms are coming from and where the illegal firearms
11 have the most impact on crimes of violence and suicides. The task force shall make annual report
12 and recommendations to be submitted to the Chairs of the Joint Committee on Public Safety and
13 Homeland Security, the Speaker of the House, the Senate President, and the Attorney General to
14 be considered in their efforts to build policy and legislation to address firearm violence by the
15 end of each fiscal year. The task force shall operate within the Department of Public Safety and
16 Inspections.

17 SECTION 2. Section 123 of chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018
18 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the figure “131A”, in line 567, the
19 following words:- ; provided further, that no person licensed under the provisions of said section
20 122 shall sell or transfer firearms, rifles, shotguns, or machine guns at any regular meeting of an
21 incorporated collectors club or at a gun show that does not have a unique serial number or other
22 mark of identification engraved or permanently affixed to the firearm in a manner that conforms
23 with the requirements imposed on licensed importers and licensed manufacturers of firearms
24 pursuant to 18 U.S.C. section 923(i), as amended from time to time, and any regulation adopted
25 thereunder; provided further, that no person licensed under the provisions of said section 122
26 shall create using a 3D printer any component parts of a firearm to be sold, traded or transferred
27 at a incorporated collectors club or at a gun show; provided further, that no person licensed under
28 the provisions of said section 122 shall sell or transfer at any regular meeting of an incorporated
29 collectors club or at a gun show component parts of a firearm to construct a firearm or plans to
30 manufacture of fabricate a firearm.

31 SECTION 3. Said section 123 of said chapter 140, as so appearing, is hereby further
32 amended by adding the following 2 paragraphs:-

33 No person organizing a regular meeting of an incorporated collectors club or a gun show
34 shall permit a person to enter the meeting or gun show without verifying that the person
35 possesses a firearm identification card pursuant to section 129B of chapter 140 or a license to
36 carry firearms pursuant to section 131 of said chapter 140. Whoever permits a person without a
37 firearm identification card or license to carry firearms to enter the meeting or gun show shall be
38 punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000.

39 No person shall attend a regular meeting of an incorporated collectors club or a gun show
40 that has not been issued a firearm identification card pursuant to section 129B of chapter 140 or a
41 license to carry firearms pursuant to section 131 of said chapter 140. Whoever attends a meeting
42 or gun show without a firearm identification card or license to carry firearms shall be punished
43 by a fine of not more than \$300.