

HOUSE No. 1836

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David Paul Linsky

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.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>

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By Representative Linsky of Natick, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1836) of David Paul Linsky for legislation to require liability insurance by gun owners. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2364 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

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 Chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 207. (a) Whoever possess, carries, or owns a firearm, rifle or shotgun without a
3 liability policy or bond or deposit required by the provisions of this chapter which has not been
4 provided and maintained in accordance therewith shall be punished by a fine of not less than five
5 hundred nor more than five thousand dollars or by imprisonment for not more than one year in a
6 house of correction, or both such fine and imprisonment. This section shall not apply to a person
7 who possesses a firearm, rifle, or shotgun on a temporary basis while on the premises of a
8 licensed gun club.

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.