

HOUSE No. 1837

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 increasing penalties for the illegal sale and possession of firearms.

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. 1837) of David Paul Linsky relative to increasing penalties for the illegal sale and possession of firearms. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1619 OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act increasing penalties for the illegal sale and possession of 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. Section 10 of chapter 269 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 90, the word “five” and inserting in
3 place thereof the following word:- 10.

4 SECTION 2. Section 10 of chapter 269 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
5 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 110, the word “seven” and inserting
6 in place thereof the following word:- 20.

7 SECTION 3. Section 10 of chapter 269 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
8 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 112, the word “ten” and inserting in
9 place thereof the following word:- 20.

10 SECTION 4. Section 10 of chapter 269 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
11 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 114, the words “fifteen years” and
12 inserting in place thereof the following words:- life imprisonment.

13 SECTION 5. Section 10 of Chapter 269 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
14 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting in line 138 after the after the word “years”:- or
15 not less than 3 nor more than 10 years in state prison. And striking out the words “or by a fine of
16 not more than five hundred dollars.”

17 SECTION 6. Section 10 of chapter 269 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
18 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 156, the word “5” and inserting in
19 place thereof the following word:- 20.

20 SECTION 7. Section 10 of chapter 269 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
21 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 201, the word “ten” and inserting in
22 place thereof the following word:- 20.

23 SECTION 8. Section 128 of Chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
24 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 11, the word “ten” and inserting in
25 place thereof the following word:- 20.