

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 176**

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By Mr. Peterson of Grafton, petition of George N. Peterson, Jr. for legislation to protect small businesses licensed to sell certain firearms. Community Development and Small Business.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.  
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AN ACT TO PROTECT SMALL BUSINESSES.

*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 123 of Chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in  
2 the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby further amended by inserting in  
3 clause fifteenth the following sentence:— Said place of business  
4 may be in a room, garage or basement attached to a home or resi-  
5 dence, if said room, garage or basement is maintained for the sole  
6 purpose of the licensee’s business, and if said business is in compli-  
7 ance with local zoning laws, or any premises in compliance with  
8 regulations established by the federal bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco  
9 and Firearms, pursuant to Title 18, U.S.C. section 923.