

HOUSE No. 1694

By Messrs. Quinn of Dartmouth and Canessa of New Bedford,
petition of John F. Quinn and others relative to crimes committed with
deceptive weapon devices. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

John F. Quinn	Jennifer L. Flanagan
Stephen R. Canessa	Antonio F. D. Cabral
Mark C. Montigny	William M. Straus
Robert M. Koczera	David B. Sullivan
Cleon H. Turner	Thomas P. Kennedy
John P. Fresolo	Jennifer M. Callahan

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO DECEPTIVE WEAPON DEVICES.

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 121 of Chapter 140 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by inserting the following definition:—
3 “Deceptive Weapon Device” Any device or item used in the
4 commission of a crime that is intended to convey the presence of a
5 weapon, as defined in this section, to a potential victim or law
6 enforcement officer. Such devices or items shall include, but not be
7 limited to, common air guns, toy guns, or substances carved or fash-
8 ioned to resemble a weapon.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 265 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting a new section:—
3 Section 45. Crimes committed with a deceptive weapon device:—
4 Any person who is in possession of a deceptive weapon device as
5 defined in Section 121 of Chapter 140 of the General Laws, during
6 the commission of a violent crime as defined in Section 121 of
7 Chapter 140 of the General Laws shall be deemed to be armed and
8 shall be punishable by penalties set forth in this Chapter.

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