

HOUSE No. 2325

By Mr. Jones of North Reading, petition of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to the issuance of licenses for the use of chemical mace. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO NON LETHAL SELF DEFENSE SPRAY.

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, as
2 appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 striking out the definition of “ammunition” and inserting in place
4 thereof the following definition:—
5 “Ammunition,” cartridges or cartridge cases, primers (igniter),
6 bullets or propellant powder designed for use in any firearm, rifle or
7 shotgun.

1 SECTION 2. Clause (6) of Section 129B of said Chapter 140, as
2 so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 140
3 through 142, the sentence, “A firearm identification card shall be
4 valid for the purpose of purchasing and possessing chemical mace,
5 pepper spray or other similarly propelled liquid, gas or powder
6 designed to temporarily incapacitate.”.

1 SECTION 3. Clause (7) of said Section 129B of said chapter 140,
2 as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out in lines 154
3 through 158, the sentence, “If a firearm identification card is issued
4 for the sole purpose of purchasing or possessing chemical mace,
5 pepper spray or other similarly propelled liquid, gas or powder
6 designed to temporarily incapacitate, such card shall clearly state
7 that such card is valid for such limited purpose only.”.

1 SECTION 4. Section 131 of said Chapter 140, as so appearing, is
2 hereby amended by striking out in lines 94 through 96 the clause, “,
3 and for purchasing and possessing chemical mace, pepper spray or
4 other similarly propelled liquid, gas or powder designed to tem-
5 porarily incapacitate.”

1 SECTION 5. Section 131P of said Chapter 140, as so appearing,
2 is hereby amended by striking out in lines 12 through 17 the
3 following:— “; and provided further, that an applicant for a firearms
4 identification card for the sole purpose of purchasing or possessing
5 chemical mace, pepper spray or other similarly propelled liquid, gas
6 or powder designed to temporarily incapacitate shall not be required
7 to complete a basic firearms safety course as a prerequisite for
8 receiving such card.”