

# SENATE NO. 1424

## **AN ACT** RELATIVE TO THE SALE AND POSSESSION OF BB, PELLET AND PAINTBALL GUNS

*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 12A of chapter 269 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking the section in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the  
3 following section:-

4 No person shall sell an air rifle or a BB, pellet or paintball gun without first verifying the age  
5 of the buyer by requiring said buyer to produce a valid driver's license or other form of state produced  
6 picture identification containing their name, address and date of birth at the time of purchase. Under no  
7 circumstance shall an air rifle or BB, pellet or paintball gun be sold to a minor under the age of 18.  
8 Whoever sells to a minor under the age of 18 or whoever, not being a parent, guardian or adult teacher  
9 or instructor, furnishes to a minor under the age of 18 an air rifle or BB, pellet or paintball gun shall be  
10 punished by a fine of five hundred dollars or by imprisonment of not more than six months.

11 SECTION 2. Section 12B of said chapter 269, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking the first  
12 sentence in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-

13 No person under the age of 21 shall have an air rifle or BB, pellet or paintball gun in his  
14 possession in any public place to which the public has a right of access unless he is the holder of a

15 sporting or hunting license and has on their person or possesses a Firearms Identification Card issued  
16 by the chief of police of the town in which he resides granting him the right of such possession. No  
17 person shall discharge a BB shot, pellet or other object from an air rifle or BB, pellet or paintball gun  
18 into, from or across any street, alley, public way or railroad or railroad right of way. Whoever violates  
19 this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than two hundred and fifty dollars and the gun may  
20 be confiscated. Upon conviction of a violation of this section the air rifle or BB, pellet or paintball gun  
21 shall, by the written authority of the court, be forwarded to the colonel of the state police, who may  
22 dispose of said article in the same manner as described in Section Ten.