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School Authorization Form

TO: Authority in Charge of School

FROM: Susan Langlois, MassWildlife Hunter Education Program Administrator

RE: Training Firearms in Schools

Date: _____

The Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife utilizes agency personnel and trained volunteer instructors to schedule and conduct Hunter Education courses throughout the Commonwealth. All volunteer instructors are certified through the MassWildlife Hunter Education Program and are considered agents of the Commonwealth when conducting these courses.

A primary purpose of the Massachusetts Hunter Education Program is to teach safe, ethical and responsible handling of sporting firearms. All firearms used for training or demonstration purposes in the program are either supplied or approved by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife. Furthermore, MassWildlife can supply firearms intended for training that are marked "Non-Firing" for instruction at any facility. In addition, program policy dictates that **NO LIVE AMMUNITION IS ALLOWED IN THE CLASSROOM AT ANY TIME AT ANY COURSE.**

Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 269, Section 10(j), requires your approval in writing to allow a civilian to enter school grounds with a firearm. Your signature below will satisfy this requirement.

I approve Hunter Education Instructor _____

to bring firearms into the _____ school for

the purpose of instruction in the Massachusetts Hunter Education Program.

Signed: _____ Title: _____

Date: _____

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MGL Ch. 269 § 10 (j)

(j) For the purposes of this paragraph, "firearm" shall mean any pistol, revolver, rifle or smoothbore arm from which a shot, bullet or pellet can be discharged.

Whoever, not being a law enforcement officer and notwithstanding any license obtained by the person pursuant to chapter 140, carries on the person a firearm, loaded or unloaded, or other dangerous weapon in any building or on the grounds of any elementary or secondary school, college or university without the written authorization of the board or officer in charge of the elementary or secondary school, college or university shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 2 years or both. A law enforcement officer may arrest without a warrant and detain a person found carrying a firearm in violation of this paragraph.

Any officer in charge of an elementary or secondary school, college or university or any faculty member or administrative officer of an elementary or secondary school, college or university that fails to report a violation of this paragraph shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by a fine of not more than \$500.