

SUMMARY OF NO. 19-02

This proposed law would hold gun owners in Massachusetts liable for harm caused by anyone using an unsecured weapon obtained, with or without consent of the weapon's owner, from any residence, business, or vehicle. It would require all gun owners in Massachusetts to keep all weapons in their residence, business, or vehicle secured in a gun safe. The law would apply to gun owners residing in or visiting the state.

Within six months of its enactment, the law would require any rifle or handgun owner to acquire a gun safe as well as a device to secure weapons while in transit in a motor vehicle. Any expenses incurred in complying with the law could be deducted from the gun owner's Massachusetts income taxes. Starting six months after the law's enactment, no weapon could be sold without the purchaser proving ownership of a gun safe to house or transport the weapons to be delivered.