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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Bradley H. Jones, Jr.**

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General
 Court assembled:*

 The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to a report of firearms statistics.

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PETITION OF:

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| Viriato Manuel deMacedo | 1st Plymouth |
| Bradley H. Jones, Jr. | 20th Middlesex |
| George N. Peterson, Jr. | 9th Worcester |
| Elizabeth Poirier | 14th Bristol |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to a report of firearms statistics.

 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 18 ¾ of chapter 6A of the General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter 176 of the acts of 2008, is hereby further amended by adding the following clause:—

(10) to develop a biennial report to be sent to the clerks of the house and senate, the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on public safety and homeland security, and the joint committee on criminal justice on March 1 of every other year beginning in 2010. Said report shall contain, but not be limited to, comprehensive information and statistics related to firearms crimes and arrests and prosecutions of firearms-related offenses, to serve as an examination of the effectiveness of the commonwealth’s firearms-related regulations. Said report shall include, but not be limited to, an explanation of substantial changes in state and federal firearms-related laws and firearms-related statistics in the commonwealth.