

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 non lethal self defense spray.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Viriato Manuel deMacedo	1st Plymouth
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	20th Middlesex
George N. Peterson, Jr.	9th Worcester
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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2325 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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 appearing in the 2006 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the definition of “ammunition” and inserting in place
3 thereof the following definition: — “Ammunition,” cartridges or cartridge cases, primers
4 (igniter), bullets or propellant powder designed for use in any firearm, rifle or shotgun.

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

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

14 SECTION 4. Section 131 of said chapter 140, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking
15 out in lines 94 through 96 the words “and for purchasing and possessing chemical mace, pepper
16 spray or other similarly propelled liquid, gas or powder designed to temporarily incapacitate,”.

17 SECTION 5. Section 131P of said chapter 140, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking
18 out in lines 12 through 17 the words “; and provided further, that an applicant for a firearms

19 identification card for the sole purpose of purchasing or possessing chemical mace, pepper spray
20 or other similarly propelled liquid, gas or powder designed to temporarily incapacitate shall not
21 be required to complete a basic firearms safety course as a prerequisite for receiving such card.”.

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