

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sarah K. Peake

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 the possession of firearms by people with dementia.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Sarah K. Peake

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

4th Barnstable

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE POSSESSION OF FIREARMS BY PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA.

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 129B of chapter 140 of the General Laws,
2 as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by:
3 removing the word “or” in line71, and inserting after the word “jurisdiction” in line73, the following:—
4 or
5 (x) is or has been under treatment for alzheimer’s dementia or any other form of dementia.

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7 SECTION 2. Said chapter 140 is hereby further amended by
8 inserting after section 129D the following section:—
9 Section 129E. A physician treating a person for alzheimer’s
10 dementia or any other type of dementia shall inquire if such
11 person possesses any firearms. If the answer is in the affirmative,
12 the physician shall notify the chief of police of the city or town
13 where the patient resides. The chief shall take action to revoke
14 any firearm identification cards and to remove all such firearms.
15 No physician shall be liable in any civil or criminal action for providing
16 such information.