

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kathi-Anne Reinstein

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 shooting near highway or dwelling.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Kathi-Anne Reinstein

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

16th Suffolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2368 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO SHOOTING NEAR HIGHWAY OR DWELLING.

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.** Chapter 131 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by striking out section 58 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

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4 Section 58. A person shall not discharge any firearm or release any arrow upon or across any state or
5 hard surfaced highway, or within one hundred and fifty feet, of any such highway, or possess a loaded
6 firearm or hunt by any means on the land of another within one thousand feet of any dwelling in use,
7 except as authorized by the owner or occupant thereof. For the purposes of this section, the state or
8 local police, environmental police officers and deputy environmental police officers, in areas over which
9 they have jurisdiction, shall have the power to enforce the provisions of this section.