

HOUSE No. 3897

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mindy Domb

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to assault weapons.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Mindy Domb</i> | <i>3rd Hampshire</i> | <i>1/20/2023</i> |

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By Representative Domb of Amherst, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3897) of Mindy Domb that the Department of State Police be authorized to establish a voluntary assault weapon buyback program. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to assault weapons.

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 2020
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by amended by striking out “131Y” in line 1, and inserting
3 in place thereof the following word:- 131Z.

4 SECTION 2. Said chapter 140, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting,
5 after section 131Y, the following section:-

6 Section 131Z. (a) The department of state police shall establish a voluntary assault
7 weapon buyback program. Any person in possession of an assault weapon or large capacity
8 feeding device may convey the assault weapon or large capacity feeding device to the
9 department. The department, upon receipt of a weapon or device covered by the program, shall
10 determine its fair market compensation and provide the compensation to the individual who
11 conveyed the weapon or device.

12 (b) Neither the department of state police nor any other law enforcement agency shall
13 collect any personal information from a person that participates in the program by conveying or
14 inquiring about conveying a weapon or device.

15 (c) A person who participates in the program established in this section shall not be
16 prosecuted or subjected to a penalty for possession of a weapon that the person conveyed to the
17 department of state police under the terms of this program.

18 (d) The department of state police shall promulgate regulations necessary to implement
19 this section.

20 (e) Annually, not later than June 1, the department of state police shall submit a report on
21 the activity of the program to the joint committee on public safety and homeland security and the
22 clerks of the house of representatives and the senate. The report shall include: (i) the dates of the
23 program's activities; (ii) the number of individuals who participated in the program; (iii) the
24 number of weapons and devices collected under the program; (iii) the amount of money
25 expended by the department of state police under the program; and (iv) a list of the fair market
26 values or formulas for assessing fair market value used for each type of weapon and device
27 obtained under the program.

28 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect 180 days following its passage.