

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1496**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Paul K. Frost***

*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 noise reduction devices.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1496**

By Representative Frost of Auburn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1496) of Paul K. Frost relative to penalties for the possession of silencers or firearm noise reduction devices. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1570 OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to noise reduction devices.

*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 10A of Chapter 269 of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 deleting the section in its entirety and inserting in its place the following:

3 Section 10A.

4 Any person found to be in possession of a firearm suppressor who is:

- 5 (a) a prohibited person under section 131 of chapter 140;
- 6 (b) in the commission of a violent crime or felony;
- 7 (c) in the commission of a crime of violence against a family member;

8 (d) conducting sales or has possession of controlled substances as defined in chapter  
9 94C;

10 shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than ten years in state prison or for not  
11 more than two and one-half years in a jail or house of correction.

12 The term “firearm suppressor” or “firearm noise reduction device” means any device for  
13 muffling or diminishing the report of a portable firearm, including any combination of parts,  
14 designed or redesigned, and intended for use in assembling or fabricating a firearm muffler, and  
15 any part intended only for use in such assembly or fabrication. For the purposes of this section  
16 the term “firearm suppressor” or “firearm noise reduction device” shall have the same meaning  
17 as Federal Law 18 USC 921(24).