

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1476**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Michael J. Barrett***

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*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 to require liability insurance for gun ownership.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Michael J. Barrett*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Third Middlesex*

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By Mr. Barrett, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1476) of Michael J. Barrett for legislation to require liability insurance for gun ownership. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1537 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 to require liability insurance for gun ownership.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 207. (a) Whoever possess, carries or owns a firearm, rifle or shotgun without a  
3 liability policy or bond or deposit required by the provisions of this chapter, which has not been  
4 provided and maintained in accordance therewith, shall be punished by a fine of not less than  
5 500 nor more than 5,000 dollars or by imprisonment for not more than one year in a house of  
6 correction, or both such fine and imprisonment. This section shall not apply to a person who  
7 possesses a firearm, rifle or shotgun on a temporary basis while on the premises of a licensed gun  
8 club.

9           (b) The commissioner of insurance shall promulgate regulations setting forth the  
10 minimum terms of liability insurance policies which shall satisfy the requirements of this section.