

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2611**

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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 firearm licensing renewals during a state of emergency.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/23/2025</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>1/24/2025</i>

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By Representative Frost of Auburn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2611) of Paul K. Frost, David F. DeCoste and Joseph D. McKenna relative to firearm licensing renewals during a state of emergency. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2328 OF 2023-2024.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act relative to firearm licensing renewals during a state of emergency.

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

1           During a pandemic or other state of emergency in which police departments are not  
2   processing applications for gun license renewals, expiring or expired licenses which occurs or  
3   occurred during the state of emergency will be valid until the renewal can be fully processed or  
4   denied by the police department. This provision shall not prevent the Chief of Police’s authority  
5   in taking a firearms license away should circumstances warrant as already appearing in the  
6   MGL.