

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1318**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Russell E. Holmes*

*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:

An Act increasing penalties for felons in possession of firearms in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Russell E. Holmes</i>	<i>6th Suffolk</i>
<i>Steven L. Levy</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>John Hart, Jr.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>[District]</i>
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<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>

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By Mr. Holmes of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1318) of Russell E. Holmes and others relative to increasing penalties for felons in possession of firearms. The Judiciary.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

An Act increasing penalties for felons in possession of firearms in the Commonwealth.

*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. Clause (d) of section 10 of chapter 269 of the General Laws, as so  
2 appearing in the 2008 official edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph :--

3 “ Whoever, after having been convicted in any court, of a crime punishable by  
4 imprisonment for a term of 10 years or more, further commits an offense set forth in paragraph  
5 (a), (b) or (c), shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not less than 5 years.  
6 The sentence imposed on such person shall not be reduced, nor suspended, nor shall any person  
7 convicted under this subsection be eligible for probation, parole, work release, or furlough or  
8 receive any deduction from his sentence for good conduct until he shall have served such  
9 sentence; provided, however, that the commissioner of correction may on the recommendation of  
10 the warden, superintendent, or other person in charge of a correctional institution, grant to an  
11 offender committed under this subsection a temporary release in the custody of an officer of such  
12 institution for the following purposes only: to attend the funeral of a relative; to visit a critically  
13 ill relative; or to obtain emergency medical or psychiatric service unavailable at said institution.  
14 Prosecutions commenced under this subsection shall neither be continued without a finding nor  
15 placed on file.”