

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1678**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**John F. Quinn, Stephen R. Canessa**

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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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to deceptive weapon devices.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
John F. Quinn	9th Bristol
Stephen R. Canessa	12th Bristol
Steven J. D'Amico	4th Bristol
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Donald F. Humason, Jr.	4th Hampden

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1694 OF 2007-2008.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO DECEPTIVE WEAPON 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 1. Section 121 of Chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting the following  
2 definition:-  
3 “Deceptive Weapon Device” Any device or item used in the commission of a crime that is intended to convey the  
4 presence of a weapon, as defined in this section, to a potential victim or law enforcement officer. Such devices or  
5 items shall include, but not be limited to, common air guns, toy guns, or substances carved or fashioned to resemble  
6 a weapon.  
7 SECTION 2. Chapter 265 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting a new section:-  
8 Section 45. Crimes committed with a deceptive weapon device  
9 Any person who is in possession of a deceptive weapon device as defined in Section 121 of Chapter 140 of the  
10 General Laws, during the commission of a violent crime as defined in Section 121 of Chapter 140 of the General  
11 Laws shall be deemed to be armed and shall be punishable by penalties set forth in this Chapter.