

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 02403**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Bradley H. Jones, Jr.***

*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 non lethal self defense spray.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Marc Lombardo</i>	<i>22nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Shaunna O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>George Ross</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Kevin Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Sheila Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>Kimberly Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Matthew Beaton</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Steven L. Levy</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>George N. Peterson, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>
<i>Elizabeth Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Viriato Manuel deMacedo</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>



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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2403) of Frost and others relative to the issuance of licenses for the use of chemical mace Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE  
□ HOUSE  
□ , NO. 2237 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to non lethal self defense spray.

*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, as appearing in the 2008 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the definition of “ammunition” and inserting in place  
3 thereof the following definition: “Ammunition,” cartridges or cartridge cases, primers (igniter),  
4 bullets or propellant powder designed for use in any firearm, rifle or shotgun.

5 SECTION 2. Clause (6) of section 129B of chapter 140, as most recently amended by chapter  
6 256 of the Acts of 2010, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 140 through 142, the words  
7 “A firearm identification card shall be valid for the purpose of purchasing and possessing  
8 chemical mace, pepper spray or other similarly propelled liquid, gas or powder designed to  
9 temporarily incapacitate.”.

10 SECTION 3. Clause (7) of section 129B of said chapter 140, as most recently amended by  
11 chapter 256 of the Acts of 2010, is hereby amended by striking out in lines 154 through 158, the  
12 words “If a firearm identification card is issued for the sole purpose of purchasing or possessing  
13 chemical mace, pepper spray or other similarly propelled liquid, gas or powder designed to  
14 temporarily incapacitate, such card shall clearly state that such card is valid for such limited  
15 purpose only.”.

16 SECTION 4. Section 131 of said chapter 140, as most recently amended by chapter 256 of the  
17 Acts of 2010, is hereby amended by striking out in lines 94 through 96 the words “and for  
18 purchasing and possessing chemical mace, pepper spray or other similarly propelled liquid, gas  
19 or powder designed to temporarily incapacitate,”.

20 SECTION 5. Section 131P of said chapter 140, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking  
21 out in lines 12 through 17 the words “; and provided further, that an applicant for a firearms  
22 identification card for the sole purpose of purchasing or possessing chemical mace, pepper spray  
23 or other similarly propelled liquid, gas or powder designed to temporarily incapacitate shall not  
24 be required to complete a basic firearms safety course as a prerequisite for receiving such card.”.