

HOUSE No. 03942

By Ms. Gobi of Spencer, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on House, Nos. 1135, 1999 and 2000, a Bill relative to the use of crossbows in hunting (House, No. 3942). February 13, 2012.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Twelve

An Act relative to the use of crossbows in hunting.

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 64 of Chapter 131 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking, in
2 the title, the word "bows."

3 SECTION 2. Said section 64 is hereby further amended by striking the words "or any crossbow."

4 SECTION 3. Section 69 of Chapter 131 is hereby amended by deleting it in its entirety and
5 replacing it with the following:-

6 Chapter 131, Section 69. A person shall not carry or use a bow and arrow or crossbow while
7 hunting unless said bow and arrow or crossbow meet such requirements as may be set by rules
8 and regulations which the director is hereby authorized to promulgate. Such rules and regulations
9 shall prescribe general design, weight of pull, and type of bows and arrows or crossbows, and
10 shall conform to standards generally accepted for hunting purposes.