

HOUSE No. 2410

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jeffrey Rosario Turco

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 modernization and accountability.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jeffrey Rosario Turco</i>	<i>19th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>

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By Representative Turco of Winthrop, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2410) of Jeffrey Rosario Turco relative to firearm licensing. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to firearm licensing modernization and accountability.

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

1 G.L. Chapter 140, is amended by insertion of a new section:

2 Section ###

3 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, All applications for license or
4 card regarding the possession, transfer, carrying, or other lawful acts with a firearm, rifle or
5 shotgun shall be submitted to the Firearms Record Bureau. Said application can be submitted by
6 electronic, paper or other means as may be convenient to the applicant.

7 Within seven days of the receipt of a completed application, the firearms record bureau
8 shall conduct a records search of any criminal record of the applicant arising from within or
9 without the commonwealth and determine whether the applicant is a prohibited person. Such
10 search shall include files maintained by the department of mental health, department of probation
11 and statewide and nationwide criminal justice, warrant and protection order information systems
12 and files including, but not limited to, the National Instant Criminal Background Check System.

13 If the information available to the firearms record bureau does not indicate that the applicant is a
14 prohibited person under state or federal law, the firearms record bureau shall issue such license
15 or card applied for within 30 days.

16 The Secretary of Public Safety and Security shall be responsible for entire licensing
17 system as a whole and for the protection of the constitutional and other legal rights of any
18 applicant or license/card holder.