

## **An Act relative to crime gun data reporting and analysis** **H.2437/S.1562**

Lead Sponsors: Rep. Marjorie Decker and Sen. Cynthia Creem

Massachusetts' landmark 2014 gun reform law required that data be collected on all guns recovered in connection with a crime in order to determine how guns were reaching our streets. Five years later, we have plenty of data but no analysis has been done.

Bills H.2437/S.1562 would require that the data that has already been collected finally be analyzed so that MA can continue improving upon our evidence-based gun violence prevention strategies.

While Massachusetts leads the nation in smart and effective gun violence prevention policies, there is still more work to be done. Gun violence has increased dramatically during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the communities that are most impacted by this gun violence are the same communities that are being devastated by COVID-19 - low income communities and communities of color.

Several cities around Massachusetts have seen more than a 50% increase in gun violence during 2020:

- Shootings in New Bedford increased by 237%
- Fatal shootings in Boston increased by 58% and non-fatal shootings have increased by 33%
- Shootings in Worcester increased by 53%
- Shootings Springfield increased by 60%

The urgency of this issue has never been more clear. Bills H.2437/S.1562 will ensure that Massachusetts remains a leader in evidence-based gun violence prevention.

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