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**FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE-** Any person applying for the issuance of a Firearms Identification Card (FID) under M.G.L. Chapter 129B, a class A or a Class B License to Carry firearms under sections 131 or 131F. or a permit to purchase under section 131A who was not licensed under the provisions of this chapter on June 1, 1998, shall in addition to the requirements set forth in sections 129B, 131,;131A or 131W submit to the licensing authority a basic firearms safety certificate:

- **Certified by the Division of Fisheries:** A certificate issued by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, evidencing the satisfactory completion of a hunter safety course, shall serve as a valid substitute for a basic firearms safety certificate.
- **Certification:** The Colonel of the Massachusetts State Police shall certify certain persons as a firearms safety instructors and shall certify safety course curriculum.

**Firearm** - A pistol, revolver or other weapon of any description, loaded or unloaded, from which a shot or bullet can be discharged and of which the length of the barrel or barrels is less than 16 inches or 18 inches in the case of a shotgun as originally manufactured; provided, however, that the term firearm shall not include any weapon that is (i) constructed in a shape that does not resemble a handgun, short-barreled rifle or short barreled shotgun including, but not limited to, covert weapons that resemble key-chains, pens, cigarette- lighters or cigarette- packages; or (ii) not detectable as a weapon or potential weapon by x-ray machines commonly used at airports or walk-through metal detectors.

**Rifle** - A weapon having a rifled bore with a barrel length equal to or greater than 18 and capable of discharging a shot or bullet for each pull of the trigger.

**Shotgun** - A weapon having a smooth bore with a barrel equal to or greater than 18" with an overall length equal to or greater than 26"; and is capable of discharging a shot or bullet for each pull of the trigger.

**Large capacity weapon** - any firearm, rifle or shotgun (i) that is semiautomatic with a fixed large capacity feeding device; (ii) that is semiautomatic and capable of accepting, or readily modifiable to accept, any detachable large capacity feeding device; (iii) that employs a rotating cylinder capable of accepting more than ten rounds of ammunition in a rifle or firearm and more than five shotgun shells in the case of a shotgun or firearm; or (iv) that is an assault weapon

**Large capacity feeding device** - (i) a fixed or detachable magazine, box, drum, feed strip or similar device capable of accepting, or that can be readily converted to accept, more than ten rounds of ammunition or more than five shotgun shells; or (ii) a large capacity ammunition feeding device as defined in the federal Public Safety and Recreational Firearms Use Protection Act, 18 U.S.C. section 92 1(a)(31).

NOTE: The term "large capacity feeding device" shall not include an attached tubular device designed to accept, and capable of operating only with, .22 caliber ammunition.

**Licensing authority** - The chief of police or the board or officer having control of the police in a city or town, or persons authorized by them.

## Approved Firearms Safety Course List

The following partial list of individuals and training centers are accepted as certified agencies and will assist you when seeking a means to fulfill "The Safety Qualifications" needed when applying for a License to Carry Firearms. The safety course must be taken successfully prior to returning the application for approval.

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| 1) Bob's Tactical<br>Indoor Shooting Range<br>122 Lafayette Road<br>Salisbury, MA 01952<br>1-978-465-5561                             | 6) Stanley L. Mc Cauley<br>Tewksbury R & G<br>Tewksbury, MA<br>978-658-7308<br>978-436-0639 |
| 2) A.G. Guns & Ammo Inc.<br>164 Andover Street<br>Lowell, MA 01852<br>978-452-8450  | 7) Ed & Lynne Dube<br>Haverhill, MA 01832<br>978-373-4325                                   |
| 3) Gun & Sport North, Inc<br>248A Broadway<br>Lawrence, MA 01841<br>978-689-2722  | 8) Bruno Turchi<br>39 Louise Avenue<br>Methuen, MA 01844<br>978-465-4928                    |
| 4) Vito Ansaldi<br>15 Westchester Drive<br>Lawrence, MA 01843<br>978-683-6477   | 9) Sam Spinazzola<br>35 Wheeler Street<br>Dracut, MA 01826<br>978-453-9480                  |
| 5) Andover Sportsmen's Club, Inc<br>655 Middleton Street<br>No. Andover, MA<br>Mailing Address: PO Box 255<br>North Andover, MA 01810 |   |

*This list is offered as a courtesy to our license applicants and is not meant to imply any endorsement by the Haverhill Police Department. Certified instructors wishing to be added to this list are advised to contact the department Licensing Officer.*

## **Chapter 140 Section 131L Weapons Stored or Kept by Owner Must Be Secure**

- (a) It shall be unlawful to store or keep any firearm, rifle or shotgun including, but not limited to, large capacity weapons, or machine gun in any place unless such weapon:
- Is secured in a locked container or
  - Is equipped with a tamper resistant mechanical lock or other safety device, properly engaged so as to render such weapon inoperable by any person other than the owner or other lawfully authorized user

**Not Stored or Kept if carried or Controlled:** For purposes of this section, such weapon shall not be deemed stored or kept if carried by or under the control of the owner or other lawfully authorized user.

## **Chapter 140 Section 131L Security Violation Non-Large Capacity Firearms, Rifles, Shotguns**

### **Penalty - Misdemeanor**

- (b) A violation of this section shall be punished, in the case of a firearm, rifle or shotgun that is not a large capacity weapon, by a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$5,000 or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

### **Penalty - Felony**

- (c) A violation of this section shall be punished in the case of a large capacity weapon or machine gun, by a fine of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$10,000 or by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than ten years, or by both such fine and imprisonment

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES:**

- [www.masswildlife.org](http://www.masswildlife.org)
- [www.state.ma.us/chsb](http://www.state.ma.us/chsb)

## **Bibliography**

1. 2001 Massachusetts Firearms Textbook Attorney Patrick M. Rogers & Attorney Robin M. Borges Commonwealth Police Service, Inc. 2001
2. Law Enforcement Guide to Firearms Law Chief Ronald C. Glidden MAF Seminars 2001
3. Federal Firearms Regulations Reference Guide Department Of The Treasury Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms 2000
4. [www.state.ma.us/chsb](http://www.state.ma.us/chsb)
5. [www.masswildlife.org](http://www.masswildlife.org)



**\*WARNING\*** ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY FILES AN APPLICATION CONTAINING FALSE INFORMATION SHALL BE PUNISHED BY A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN \$500 NOR MORE THAN \$1,000 OR BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT LESS THAN 6 MONTHS NOR MORE THAN 2 YEARS IN A HOUSE OF CORRECTION, OR BY BOTH SUCH FINE AND IMPRISONMENT (M.G.L. c.140, § 131).

**PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS COMPLETELY AND ACCURATELY:**

SPACE FOR EXPLANATION AND DETAILS ARE PROVIDED ON PAGE 3.

1. ARE YOU A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES? \_\_\_\_\_  
IF NATURALIZED GIVE DATE, PLACE AND NATURALIZATION NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_.
2. HAVE YOU EVER USED OR BEEN KNOWN BY ANOTHER NAME? \_\_\_\_\_. IF YES PROVIDE NAME AND EXPLAIN: \_\_\_\_\_
3. WHAT IS YOUR AGE? \* \_\_\_\_\_ \*YOU MUST BE 21 YEARS OF AGE TO APPLY FOR A LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS, 18 YEARS OF AGE\* TO APPLY FOR A FIREARMS IDENTIFICATION CARD. \* 15 YEARS OF AGE BUT LESS THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE WITH SUBMISSION OF A CERTIFICATE FROM PARENT OR GUARDIAN GRANTING PERMISSION TO APPLY FOR A FIREARMS IDENTIFICATION CARD.
4. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY? \_\_\_\_\_
5. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF THE UNLAWFUL USE, POSSESSION, OR SALE OF NARCOTIC OR HARMFUL DRUGS AS DEFINED IN M.G.L. c. 94C, § 1? \_\_\_\_\_
6. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME PUNISHABLE BY INCARCERATION BY MORE THAN (1) ONE YEAR? \_\_\_\_\_
7. IN ANY STATE OR FEDERAL JURISDICTION HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED AS AN ADULT OR ADJUDICATED A YOUTHFUL OFFENDER OR DELINQUENT CHILD FOR THE COMMISSION OF (a) A FELONY; (b) A MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR MORE THAN 2 YEARS; (c) A VIOLENT CRIME AS DEFINED IN M.G.L. c. 140, § 121; (d) A VIOLATION OF ANY LAW REGULATING THE USE, POSSESSION, OWNERSHIP, SALE, TRANSFER, RENTAL, RECEIPT OR TRANSPORTATION OF WEAPONS OR AMMUNITION FOR WHICH A TERM OF IMPRISONMENT MAY BE IMPOSED; OR (e) A VIOLATION OF ANY LAW REGULATING THE USE, POSSESSION OR SALE OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AS DEFINED IN M.G.L. c. 94, § 1? \_\_\_\_\_
8. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONFINED TO ANY HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION FOR MENTAL ILLNESS? \_\_\_\_\_
9. ARE YOU OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN UNDER TREATMENT FOR OR CONFINEMENT FOR DRUG ADDICTION OR HABITUAL DRUNKENNESS? \_\_\_\_\_
10. HAVE YOU EVER APPEARED IN ANY COURT AS A DEFENDANT FOR ANY CRIMINAL OFFENSE (EXCLUDING NON-CRIMINAL TRAFFIC OFFENSES)? \_\_\_\_\_
11. ARE YOU NOW UNDER ANY CHARGE(S) FOR ANY OFFENSE(S) AGAINST THE LAW? \_\_\_\_\_
12. ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A M.G.L. c. 209A RESTRAINING ORDER OR INVOLVED IN A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CHARGE? \_\_\_\_\_
13. HAS ANY LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS, PERMIT TO POSSESS FIREARMS, OR FIREARMS IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED TO YOU UNDER THE LAWS OF ANY STATE, TERRITORY OR JURISDICTION EVER BEEN SUSPENDED, REVOKED OR DENIED? \_\_\_\_\_
14. ARE YOU CURRENTLY THE SUBJECT OF ANY OUTSTANDING ARREST WARRANT IN ANY STATE OR FEDERAL JURISDICTION? \_\_\_\_\_

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

IF YOU ANSWERED "YES" TO ANY OF THE QUESTIONS FOUR THROUGH FOURTEEN, GIVE DETAILS WHICH MUST INCLUDE DATES, CIRCUMSTANCES AND LOCATION:

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(IF NECESSARY USE SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER TO COMPLETE)

OTHER THAN MASSACHUSETTS, WHAT OTHER STATE, TERRITORY OR JURISDICTION HAVE YOU RESIDED IN?

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HAVE YOU EVER HELD A LICENSE TO CARRY IN ANY OTHER STATE, TERRITORY OR JURISDICTION? \_\_\_\_\_  
IF "YES", WHEN, WHERE AND LICENSE NUMBER:

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LIST NAME AND ADDRESSES OF TWO REFERENCES (NOT REQUIRED IF APPLYING FOR A FIREARMS IDENTIFICATION CARD):

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

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REASON (S) FOR REQUESTING THE ISSUANCE OF CARD OR LICENSE:

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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAW REQUIRES THAT:

ANY LICENSEE SHALL NOTIFY, IN WRITING, THE LICENSING AUTHORITY WHO ISSUED SAID LICENSE, THE CHIEF OF POLICE INTO WHOSE JURISDICTION THE LICENSEE MOVES AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CRIMINAL HISTORY SYSTEMS BOARD OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS. SUCH NOTIFICATION SHALL BE MADE BY CERTIFIED MAIL WITHIN 30 DAYS OF ITS OCCURRENCE. FAILURE TO SO NOTIFY SHALL BE CAUSE FOR REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF SAID LICENSE (M.G.L. c.140, § 131 (l)).

A CARDHOLDER SHALL NOTIFY, IN WRITING, THE LICENSING AUTHORITY THAT ISSUED SUCH CARD, THE CHIEF OF POLICE INTO WHOSE JURISDICTION SUCH CARDHOLDER MOVES AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CRIMINAL HISTORY SYSTEMS BOARD OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS. SUCH NOTIFICATION SHALL BE MADE BY CERTIFIED MAIL WITHIN 30 DAYS OF ITS OCCURRENCE. FAILURE TO SO NOTIFY SHALL BE CAUSE FOR REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF SUCH CARD (M.G.L. c.140, § 129B (11)).

**I DECLARE THE ABOVE FACTS ARE TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT ANY FALSE ANSWER(S) WILL BE JUST CAUSE FOR DENIAL OR REVOCATION OF MY LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS AND MAY BE USED IN A CRIMINAL PROCEEDING PURSUANT TO M.G.L c. 140, §§ 129 AND 131.**

SIGNED UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
(DAY) (MONTH) (YEAR)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT: BRING TO YOUR LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY (POLICE DEPARTMENT). DO NOT MAIL THE FIREARMS RECORD BUREAU.**

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***LICENSING AUTHORITY (LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT:***

*PLEASE RETAIN ONE COPY FOR YOUR FILES, FORWARD ONE COPY TO THE FIREARMS RECORD BUREAU WITH THE COMPLETED LTC/FID OR MG LICENSE FOR DATA ENTRY AND ONE COPY TO THE MASS STATE POLICE WITH THE APPLICANT'S FINGERPRINT CARD (FINGERPRINT CARD REQUIRED FOR NEW APPLICANT, ONLY) FOR APPROPRIATE FINGERPRINT SUPPORTED CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK.*

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