



## Legislation Summary:

### **An Act Relative to 3D Printed Weapons and Ghost Guns**

Initial bill number(s): H.2360/S.1509

Sponsors: Rep. David Linsky and Sen. Jamie Eldridge

### **What the bill does, why LWVMA supports or opposes it, and the League position relative to this bill.**

This bill classifies 3D printed guns and ghost guns or untraceable firearms without serial numbers as illegal. 3D printed guns and ghost guns are untraceable because they don't contain serial numbers and are unlicensed and unregulated. Those making them circumvent the firearm licensing and background check process required in the Commonwealth. We should support this bill because ghost guns are a dangerous and rising threat to the health and safety of all. Eleven states and Washington DC currently restrict ghost guns.

### Positions that support the bill:

The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that the proliferation of handguns and semi-automatic assault weapons in the United States is a major health and safety threat to its citizens. The League supports strong federal measures to limit the accessibility and regulate the ownership of these weapons by private citizens. The League supports regulating firearms for consumer safety. The League supports licensing procedures for gun ownership by private citizens to include a waiting period for background checks, personal identity verification, gun safety education, and annual license renewal. The League supports enforcement of strict penalties for the improper possession of and crimes committed with handguns and assault weapons, and allocation of resources to better regulate and monitor gun dealers. *Impact on Issues*, pp. 153-154.