



Legislation Summary:

An Act Relative to Crime Gun Data Reporting and Analysis

Initial bill number(s): H.2307/S.1492

Sponsors: Rep. Marjorie Decker and Sen. Cindy Creem

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

An Act relative to crime gun data reporting and analysis establishes a formal mechanism to require the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to supply data to a local university researcher for analysis. Fifty percent of guns used in crimes originate in MA. This data and analysis will offer a clear picture as to how and where crime guns originate and what MA can do to stem the tide of illegal guns used in crimes. Such a report will determine whether or not we need more effective gun laws.

This bill establishes a formal and required process for reporting and analyzing crime gun data in the Commonwealth. The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) is required to analyze and report crime gun and trace data per the 1) 2014 Act relative to the reduction of gun violence, (MA comprehensive gun reform legislation) and 2) a FY2018 budget amendment, line item 8000-0600, but has been noncompliant.

The League of Women Voters 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. Impact on Issues, p. 153