

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2119**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Denise Provost*

*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 assuring municipal control of military equipment procurement by local law enforcement.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Denise Provost*

*27th Middlesex*

*James K. Hawkins*

*2nd Bristol*

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By Ms. Provost of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2119) of Denise Provost and James K. Hawkins for legislation to require local approval for military equipment procurement by local law enforcement departments. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2503 OF 2017-2018.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act assuring municipal control of military equipment procurement by local law enforcement.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 53A½ of Chapter 44 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 adding the following paragraph:

3           Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, no police or fire department  
4 in any city or town may apply to the United States Department of Homeland Security, the  
5 Department of Defense or the Department of Justice or any other body or agency to procure or  
6 accept as gifts any aircraft, including unmanned aerial vehicles, armored vehicles, bayonets,  
7 bombs, directed-energy weapons, grenade launchers, international mobile subscriber identity  
8 catchers, launch vehicles, mines, missiles, radioactive or nuclear weapons, rockets, silencers,  
9 torpedoes, toxicological agents, including chemical agents, biological agents, and associated  
10 equipment, or ultrasonic devices used for crowd dispersal without the prior authorization of the

- 11 mayor and city council, in a city, or the board of selectmen, town meeting or other governing
- 12 body, in a town.