

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2169**

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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:
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Provost of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2169) of Denise Provost and others relative to military equipment procurement by local law enforcement departments. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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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.