

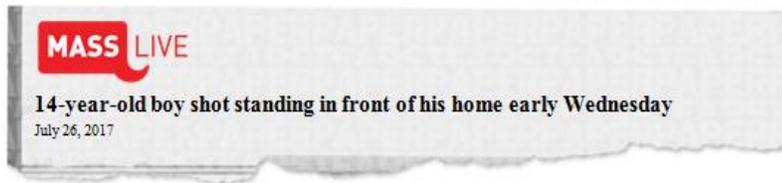
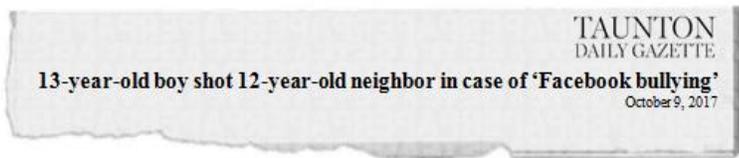
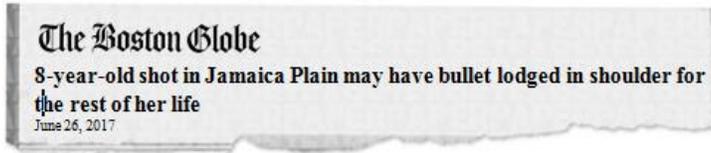
# An Act Regarding the Prevention of Illegal Trafficking and Gun Violence Among Youth in the Commonwealth (S.863/H.2097)

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## WHY THIS BILL MATTERS

All Massachusetts families deserve to feel safe in their neighborhoods: to feel confident letting their kids play outside after school or walk home after practice. Small business owners deserve to run their corner stores or bodegas with pride and openness, not fear and glass partitions. And no kid deserves to attend the funeral of a middle school classmate. The flow of illegal guns into our neighborhoods erodes the fundamental safety that makes our communities great places to buy a home, send kids to school, or do business.



While large-scale mass shootings from Newtown, CT to Sutherland Springs, TX are tragic reminders of the destructive power of firearms in the wrong hands, the threat of gun violence affects many communities in Massachusetts every day.

## WHAT THIS BILL DOES

While Massachusetts has many thoughtful gun laws on the books, there still exist loopholes that allow illegal firearms to end up in the hands of criminals and youths. S.863 closes these loopholes, and creates greater transparency and accountability in the gun sales market so we can keep better track of where the guns are coming from.

S.863/H.2097 curbs access to illegal guns by:

- **Reducing the flow of guns into the illegal market** by prohibiting bulk purchasing of firearms. These “straw purchases” are often illegally sold in the streets. Limits buyers to a total of 15 guns a year;
- **Closing loopholes in our gun laws** by requiring lost or stolen weapons to be reported to the police, and by making it a duty for anyone keeping a weapon through a gift or bequest to be licensed and registered;
- **Increasing firearm safety regulations** by requiring all firearms manufactured, sold, or owned in Massachusetts to have microstamping technology, which makes a unique microscopic numerical imprint on any ammunition fired from that firearm. This technology not only acts as a deterrent to gun trafficking, but also improves law enforcement’s capacity to trace crime guns
- **Requiring the Secretary of Public Safety to study and make recommendations** about the establishment of an interstate compact to combat illegal gun trafficking among states.



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