



GOING HUNTING?

How do changes made to the law affect you?

In 2006, in order to purchase a Massachusetts hunting or sporting license, you must show one of the following:

- A previous year's hunting or sporting license (from any state); or
- A hunter education course certificate; or
- A Massachusetts Firearms Identification Card; or
- A Massachusetts License To Carry Firearms.

As of January 1, 2007, in order to purchase a Massachusetts hunting or sporting license, you must show one of the following:

- A previous year's hunting or sporting license (from Massachusetts, or any other state, or a province of Canada or Mexico); or
- A hunter education course certificate (from Massachusetts, from any other state or province);

Other Notes:

- If you are a "resident alien," you must show a resident alien FID card to purchase a license, unless limiting your license to bow hunting only;
- If you are a minor, aged 15 to 17, you must provide written consent of your parent or guardian. You must also attest that:
 - (1) At all times you will be accompanied by an adult while hunting or target shooting, or
 - (2) Provide a certificate of competency in Hunter Education.

Special Warning for Hunters:

A conviction of a violation of any game law involving the use of a gun, if it carries a potential jail sentence, will result in permanent loss of a License to Carry Firearms or loss of a Firearms Identification Card for five years!

As always, Massachusetts laws are subject to change. This information provided as a public service by Gun Owners' Action League, PO Box 567, Northboro, MA 01532. 508-393-5333.