



## **Mace - Pepper Spray Safety Course Not Required M.G.L. c140 s.131P**

M.G.L. c. 140, § 131P requires that every persons applying for a license to carry firearms, or firearms identification card attend a Basic Firearms Safety Course, or in the alternative to have received a certificate issued by the division of fisheries and wildlife pursuant to the provisions of section 14 of chapter 131, evidencing satisfactory completion of a hunting safety course.

### **The Following Persons Are Exempted for the Provisions M.G.L. c. 140, § 131P:**

Persons lawfully possessing a firearm identification card or license to carry firearms on June 1, 1998 shall be exempt from the provisions of this section upon expiration of such card or license and when applying for licensure as required under this chapter. **Also applicants for a firearm identification card for the sole purpose of purchasing or possessing chemical mace, pepper spray or other similarly propelled liquid, gas or powder designed to temporarily incapacitate shall not be required to complete any basic firearms safety course as a prerequisite for receiving such card.**

***\*Also, refer to regulations 515 CMR 3.05(1) for further clarification on this issue.***

Link to regulations 515 CMR 3.05(1):

[http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=eopsterminal&L=3&L0=Home&L1=Firearms+Registration+%26+Laws&L2=Gun+Laws&sid=Eeops&b=terminalcontent&f=msp\\_firearms\\_msp\\_firearms\\_515cmr300\\_instructor\\_s\\_course\\_surrender&csid=Eeops](http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=eopsterminal&L=3&L0=Home&L1=Firearms+Registration+%26+Laws&L2=Gun+Laws&sid=Eeops&b=terminalcontent&f=msp_firearms_msp_firearms_515cmr300_instructor_s_course_surrender&csid=Eeops)