

March 2, 2015: The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court in a unanimous decision ruled that the state legislator has the right to out law stun guns in Massachusetts. The ruling came in the case of Commonwealth v. Caetano 2011. Specifically Caetano was arrested in an Ashland supermarket parking lot for possessing a stun gun, which she stated, was necessary to protect her from an abusive ex-boyfriend.

The decision, which was written by Justice Francis X. Spina specifically, stated that the right to carry a stun gun was not guaranteed or protected by the Second Amendment of the Constitution. Specifically the decision stated that stun guns are a modern invention that did not exist when the Second Amendment was enacted in 1879. The court went on to state "The Legislature rationally could ban [the use of stun guns] in the interest of public health, safety, or welfare."

While stun guns remain illegal in Massachusetts, Tasers are permitted to be carried by police officers that also carry firearms.