ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN OF 2017

Mass shootings in Florida, South Texas, Las Vegas, San Bernardino, Orlando, Newtown, Aurora, and elsewhere have demonstrated the need to regulate military-style assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines. These weapons allow a gunman to fire a large number of rounds quickly, without having to reload.

Bans the possession, sale, transfer, manufacturing and importation of:

**Semiautomatic rifles** that can accept a detachable magazine and have at least one of the following military features: (1) pistol grip; (2) forward grip; (3) folding, telescoping, or detachable stock; (4) grenade launcher or rocket launcher; (5) barrel shroud; or (6) threaded barrel.

**Semiautomatic pistols** that can accept a detachable magazine and have at least one of the following military features: (1) threaded barrel; (2) second pistol grip; (3) barrel shroud; (4) capacity to accept a detachable magazine at some location outside of the pistol grip; or (5) semiautomatic version of an automatic firearm.

**Semiautomatic rifles and handguns** that have a fixed magazine capable of accepting more than 10 rounds.

**Semiautomatic shotguns** that have at least one of the following: (1) folding, telescoping, or detachable stock; (2) pistol grip; (3) fixed magazine with the capacity to accept more than 5 rounds; (4) ability to accept a detachable magazine; (5) forward grip; (6) grenade launcher or rocket launcher; or (7) shotgun with a revolving cylinder.

**Ammunition feeding devices** (magazines, strips, and drums) capable of accepting more than 10 rounds.

205 specifically-named firearms

The Assault Weapons Ban of 2017 excludes:

- 2,258 legitimate hunting and sporting rifles and shotguns by specific make and model.
- Any weapon that is lawfully possessed at the date of the bill’s enactment.
- Any firearm manually operated by a bolt, pump, lever or slide action.
- Assault weapons used by military, law enforcement, and retired law enforcement.
- Antique weapons.

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http://www.feinstein.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/assault-weapons
How this legislation strengthens the 1994 Assault Weapons Ban and existing state bans

Moves from a 2-characteristic test to a 1-characteristic test.

- The bill also makes the ban harder to evade by eliminating the easy-to-remove bayonet mounts and flash suppressors from the characteristics test.

Bans dangerous aftermarket modifications and workarounds.

- **Bump or slide fire stocks**, which are modified stocks that enable semi-automatic weapons to fire at rates similar to fully automatic machine guns.

- So-called “bullet buttons” that allow the rapid replacement of ammunition magazines, frequently used as a workaround to prohibitions on detachable magazines.

- **Thumbhole stocks**, a type of stock that was created as a workaround to avoid prohibitions on pistol grips.

Adds a ban on the importation of assault weapons and large-capacity magazines.

Eliminates the 10-year sunset that allowed the original federal ban to expire.

How this legislation addresses millions of assault weapons and large-capacity magazines currently in existence

Requires a background check on all sales or transfers of a grandfathered assault weapon.

- This background check can be run through the FBI or, if a state chooses, initiated with a state agency, as with the existing background check system.

Prohibits the sale or transfer of large-capacity ammunition feeding devices lawfully possessed on the date of enactment of the bill.

Allows states and localities to use federal Byrne JAG grant funds to conduct a voluntary buy-back program for grandfathered assault weapons and large-capacity ammunition feeding devices.

Imposes a safe storage requirement for grandfathered firearms, to keep them away from prohibited persons.

Requires that assault weapons and large-capacity ammunition feeding devices manufactured (i.e. for military or law enforcement) after the date of the bill’s enactment be engraved with the serial number and date of manufacture of the weapon.

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