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## ***ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN OF 2019***

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; (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 (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 2019 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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## 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 or Thordsen-style stocks**, types of stock that were 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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