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District of Columbia Personal Protection Act

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Sen. Hagel, Chuck [R-NE]	R · NE		Oct 20, 2003
Sen. Reid, Harry [D-NV]	D · NV		Oct 21, 2003
Sen. Talent, Jim [R-MO]	R · MO		Nov 3, 2003
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Nov 24, 2003
Sen. Kyl, Jon [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Jan 20, 2004
Sen. Bond, Christopher S. [R-MO]	R · MO		Feb 12, 2004
Sen. Nelson, Ben [D-NE]	D · NE		Jun 9, 2004
Sen. Baucus, Max [D-MT]	D · MT		Jul 15, 2004
Sen. Brownback, Sam [R-KS]	R · KS		Jul 22, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred to	Jul 24, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jul 15, 2003)

District of Columbia Personal Protection Act - Amends the District of Columbia Code to provide that the D.C. Council's regulatory authority regarding firearms, explosives, and weapons in the District shall not be construed to permit the Council, the Mayor, or any governmental or regulatory authority of the District to prohibit, constructively prohibit, or unduly burden the ability of persons otherwise permitted to possess firearms under Federal law from acquiring, possessing in their homes or businesses, or using for sporting, self-protection or other lawful purposes, any firearm neither prohibited by Federal law nor regulated by the National Firearms Act. Denies the District any authority to enact laws or regulations that discourage or eliminate the private ownership or use of firearms.

Repeals the definition of machine gun as any firearm which shoots, is designed to shoot, or can be readily converted or restored to shoot semiautomatically, more than 12 shots without manual reloading. (Thus repeals the ban on semiautomatic weapons.)

Repeals the District's: (1) registration requirement for possession of firearms; (2) prohibition on registration of pistols (handguns); (3) prohibition on possession of handgun ammunition; (4) requirement that, under certain conditions, firearms in the possession of certain individuals must be kept unloaded, disassembled, or with the trigger locked; (5) related firearm registration requirements such as applicant qualifications and filing deadline.

Eliminates criminal penalties for: (1) possessing an unregistered firearm; or (2) carrying a pistol whether loaded or unloaded in one's dwelling house, place of business, or on land possessed by such person.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 24, 2003:** Committee on Governmental Affairs referred to Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia.
- **Jul 15, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 15, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S9425-9426)
- **Jul 15, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S9426)