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Assault Weapons Ban of 2013

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (24 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jan 24, 2013
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Jan 24, 2013
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jan 24, 2013
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jan 24, 2013
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jan 24, 2013
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jan 24, 2013
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jan 24, 2013
Sen. Levin, Carl [D-MI]	D · MI		Jan 24, 2013
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jan 24, 2013
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jan 24, 2013
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Jan 24, 2013
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Jan 24, 2013
Sen. Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV]	D · WV		Jan 24, 2013
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Jan 24, 2013
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jan 24, 2013
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jan 24, 2013
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jan 24, 2013
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Jan 29, 2013
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jan 29, 2013
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jan 29, 2013
Sen. Cowan, William M. [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 12, 2013
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		Apr 8, 2013
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Apr 16, 2013
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Sep 10, 2013

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Feb 12, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 691	Related bill	Apr 10, 2013: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 36.
113 HR 437	Related bill	Feb 28, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, And Investigations.

Assault Weapons Ban of 2013 - (Sec. 3) Amends the federal criminal code to ban the import, sale, manufacture, transfer, or possession of a semiautomatic assault weapon, including:

- a semiautomatic rifle that can accept a detachable magazine and has any one of the following characteristics: (1) a pistol grip; (2) a forward grip; (3) a folding, telescoping, or detachable stock; (4) a grenade or rocket launcher; (5) a barrel shroud; or (6) a threaded barrel;
- a semiautomatic rifle or pistol with a fixed magazine that can accept more than 10 rounds;
- a semiautomatic pistol that can accept a detachable magazine and has any one of the following characteristics: (1) a threaded barrel, (2) a second pistol grip, (3) a barrel shroud, (4) the capacity to accept a detachable magazine at some location outside of the pistol grip, or (5) a semiautomatic version of an automatic firearm;
- a semiautomatic shotgun that has any one of the following characteristics: (1) a folding, telescoping, or detachable stock; (2) a pistol grip; (3) a fixed magazine that can accept more than five rounds; (4) the ability to accept a detachable magazine; (5) a forward grip; or (6) a grenade or rocket launcher;
- a shotgun with a revolving cylinder;
- firearms that are specifically listed as prohibited by this Act and copies, duplicates, variants, or altered facsimiles with the capability of any such weapon;
- all belt-fed semiautomatic firearms;
- any combination of parts from which any such prohibited firearm can be assembled; and
- the frame or receiver of a prohibited rifle or shotgun.

Excludes from such ban any semiautomatic assault weapon that: (1) is lawfully possessed on the date of enactment of this Act (grandfathered weapon); (2) is manually operated by bolt, pump, lever, or slide action; (3) has been rendered permanently inoperable; (4) is an antique firearm; or (5) is used for law enforcement or security purposes or for testing or experimentation authorized by the Attorney General.

Identifies, by make and model, firearms that are specifically exempted from the ban imposed by this Act.

Requires the Attorney General to establish and maintain a record of the make, model, and date of manufacture of any semiautomatic assault weapon which the Attorney General is made aware has been used in relation to a crime under federal or state law.

Makes it unlawful to: (1) import, sell, manufacture, transfer, or possess a large capacity ammunition feeding device (generally, a device that can accept more than 10 rounds of ammunition); or (2) store or keep any grandfathered semiautomatic weapon that may become accessible by an individual who is prohibited from receiving or possessing such a weapon. Requires identification markings (i.e., serial number and the date of manufacture) on semiautomatic assault weapons and large capacity ammunition feeding devices. Provides for the seizure and forfeiture of prohibited large capacity ammunition feeding devices.

(Sec. 5) Makes it unlawful for an unlicensed individual to transfer a grandfathered semiautomatic weapon to another unlicensed individual, unless a licensed importer, manufacturer, or dealer: (1) has first taken custody of the weapon for the purpose of complying with existing national instant criminal background check requirements; and (2) upon taking custody, complies with all firearms requirements as if the licensee were transferring the weapon from the licensee's inventory to the unlicensed transferee. Sets forth an exception for the temporary transfer of possession in a licensed target facility or established range for the purpose of participating in target shooting. Requires implementing regulations

to set a maximum fee that licensees may charge for services provided, but prohibits such regulations from imposing recordkeeping requirements on any unlicensed transferor or from requiring licensees to facilitate such transfers.

(Sec. 6) Amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to allow the use of Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program funds to pay compensation to individuals who surrender semiautomatic assault weapons and large capacity ammunition feeding devices under a buy-back program.

(Sec. 7) Requires: (1) the Attorney General to instruct the Director of the National Institutes of Justice to conduct a peer-reviewed factual study of incidents of mass shootings in the United States, and (2) the Director to report the findings of such study to Congress within one year. Requires the Director to examine the impact upon perpetrators of specified factors, including childhood abuse or neglect, exposure to criminal acts or bullying, mental illness, school supportiveness, the availability of firearms and of weapons information, depictions of violence in video games and the media, and poverty or other socioeconomic factors.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 14, 2013:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with amendments favorably.
- **Mar 14, 2013:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Leahy with amendments. Without written report.
- **Mar 14, 2013:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 27.
- **Mar 7, 2013:** Committee on the Judiciary. Committee consideration and Mark Up Session held.
- **Feb 27, 2013:** Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 113-874.
- **Feb 12, 2013:** Committee on the Judiciary Senate Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 113-870.
- **Jan 30, 2013:** Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 113-825.
- **Jan 24, 2013:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 24, 2013:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S288-291)
- **Jan 24, 2013:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.