

## HR 4214

### Gun Violence Prevention and Safe Communities Act of 2015

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Taxation

**Introduced:** Dec 10, 2015

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education. (Mar 23, 2016)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/4214>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** IL • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Dec 10, 2015
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Jun 16, 2016
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Jun 16, 2016
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Jun 16, 2016
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Jun 16, 2016
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Jun 21, 2016
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2016
Rep. Lawrence, Brenda L. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Jun 21, 2016
Rep. Grayson, Alan [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Jul 12, 2016
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Jul 12, 2016
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Jul 14, 2016
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Jul 14, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 23, 2016
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 11, 2015
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 15, 2016
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 16, 2015
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 10, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Taxation

## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Dec 10, 2015)

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### Gun Violence Prevention and Safe Communities Act of 2015

This bill amends the Internal Revenue Code, with respect to the excise tax on the sale of firearms by manufacturers, producers, or importers, to: (1) increase the rate of such tax to 20% on pistols, revolvers, and other firearms and on any lower frame or receiver for a firearm; and (2) impose a 50% tax on shells and cartridges. The bill exempts any department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States from such tax.

The bill allocates revenues from the increased excise tax under this Act for law enforcement and public safety grant programs, including programs for research on gun violence and its prevention.

The bill: (1) increases the occupational tax on importers, manufacturers, and dealers in firearms and the transfer tax on firearms; and (2) modifies the definition of "firearm" for excise tax purposes to include a semiautomatic pistol chambered for cartridges and configured with receivers commonly associated with rifles and capable of accepting detachable magazines.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 23, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.
- **Jan 15, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **Dec 16, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
- **Dec 11, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Dec 10, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 10, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, the Judiciary, Energy and Commerce, and Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.