

S 2095

Assault Weapons Ban of 2017

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]

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

Cosponsors (32 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Nov 8, 2017
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Nov 8, 2017
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Nov 8, 2017
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Nov 8, 2017
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Nov 8, 2017
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Nov 8, 2017
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Nov 8, 2017
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Nov 8, 2017
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Nov 8, 2017
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Nov 8, 2017
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Nov 8, 2017
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Nov 8, 2017
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Nov 8, 2017
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Nov 8, 2017
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Nov 8, 2017
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Nov 8, 2017
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Nov 8, 2017
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Nov 8, 2017
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Nov 8, 2017
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Nov 8, 2017
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Nov 8, 2017
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Nov 8, 2017
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Nov 8, 2017
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Nov 9, 2017
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Feb 15, 2018
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Feb 26, 2018
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 26, 2018
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 6, 2018
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 6, 2018
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Jun 27, 2018
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jun 28, 2018
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Oct 1, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Mar 14, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 6297	Related bill	Aug 6, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
115 HR 5410	Related bill	Apr 30, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
115 HR 5077	Related bill	Mar 20, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
115 HR 5087	Related bill	Mar 20, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
115 S 1945	Related bill	Oct 5, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S6366-6367)

Summary (as of Nov 8, 2017)

Assault Weapons Ban of 2017

This bill amends the federal criminal code to make it a crime to knowingly import, sell, manufacture, transfer, or possess a semiautomatic assault weapon (SAW) or large capacity ammunition feeding device (LCAFD).

The prohibition does not apply to a firearm that is: (1) manually operated by bolt, pump, lever, or slide action; (2) permanently inoperable; (3) an antique; or (4) a rifle or shotgun specifically identified by make and model.

Additionally, the bill does not prohibit, with respect to a SAW or LCAFD:

- importation, sale, manufacture, transfer, or possession related to certain law enforcement efforts, or authorized tests or experiments;
- importation, sale, transfer, or possession related to securing nuclear materials; and
- possession by a retired law enforcement officer.

The bill permits continued possession, sale, or transfer of a grandfathered SAW, which must be securely stored. A licensed gun dealer must conduct a background check prior to the sale or transfer of a grandfathered SAW between private parties.

The bill permits continued possession of, but prohibits sale or transfer of, a grandfathered LCAFD.

Newly manufactured LCAFDs must display serial number identification. Newly manufactured SAWs and LCAFDs must display the date of manufacture.

The bill also amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to allow a state or local government to use Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program funds to compensate individuals who surrender a SAW or LCAFD under a buy-back program.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 14, 2018:** Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held.
- **Nov 8, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Nov 8, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S7118-7119)