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Assault Weapons Ban of 2019

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Sponsor

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Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jan 9, 2019
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Jan 9, 2019
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Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jan 9, 2019
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Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jan 9, 2019
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Apr 4, 2019
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Jun 3, 2019
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Sep 9, 2019
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Sep 9, 2019
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Sep 12, 2019
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Sep 12, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 9, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 5717	Related bill	Mar 10, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
116 S 3254	Related bill	Feb 5, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
116 HR 1186	Related bill	Sep 10, 2019: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 23 - 16.
116 HR 2959	Related bill	Jun 26, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
116 HR 1296	Related bill	Feb 15, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
116 S 447	Related bill	Feb 12, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Jan 9, 2019)

Assault Weapons Ban of 2019

This bill makes 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.

The bill also exempts from the prohibition the following, 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 allows 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

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