

HR 3299

Protecting Our Communities Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 9, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 18, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 2466	Related bill	Oct 19, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
117 HR 1769	Related bill	May 18, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
117 HR 1454	Related bill	Apr 28, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Summary (as of May 18, 2021)

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This expands the types of parts, weapons, and devices that are subject to regulation under federal firearms laws. The bill also establishes a notification requirement following a firearms-related background check that results in a denial.

Specifically, the bill

- includes as a firearm any combination of parts designed or intended to be used to convert a device into a firearm and from which a firearm may be readily assembled;
- adds armor-piercing, concealable weapons to the list of firearms subject to regulation under federal firearms laws; and
- provides statutory authority for the regulation issued by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to classify bump-stock devices as machine guns for the purposes of federal firearms laws.

Additionally, the bill requires the Department of Justice to notify state and local law enforcement authorities following a firearms-related background check that results in a denial.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 9, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **May 18, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **May 18, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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.

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