

S 736

Assault Weapons Ban of 2021

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (40 total)

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Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 11, 2021
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Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 11, 2021
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Mar 11, 2021
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Mar 11, 2021
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Mar 11, 2021
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 11, 2021
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 11, 2021
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 11, 2021
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 11, 2021
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Mar 11, 2021
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Mar 11, 2021
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 11, 2021
Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 11, 2021
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 11, 2021
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 11, 2021
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 11, 2021
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 11, 2021
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 11, 2021
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 11, 2021
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 11, 2021
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Mar 11, 2021
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Mar 11, 2021
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Mar 11, 2021
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 11, 2021
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 11, 2021
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 11, 2021
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 11, 2021
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 11, 2021
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Mar 11, 2021
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 11, 2021
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 11, 2021
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 11, 2021
Sen. Hickenlooper, John W. [D-CO]	D · CO		Mar 22, 2021
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Apr 14, 2021
Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		Jun 8, 2021
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Nov 29, 2022
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Dec 8, 2022
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Dec 14, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 11, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 9624	Related bill	Dec 20, 2022: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Energy and Commerce, 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.
117 S 5299	Related bill	Dec 19, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
117 HR 9207	Related bill	Oct 21, 2022: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
117 HR 1808	Related bill	Aug 1, 2022: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
117 HR 2510	Related bill	Oct 19, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
117 S 1108	Related bill	Apr 14, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Assault Weapons Ban of 2021

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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