

## HR 698

Assault Weapons Ban of 2023

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Feb 1, 2023

**Current Status:** ASSUMING FIRST SPONSORSHIP - Mrs. McBath asked unanimous consent that she may hereafter be considered

**Latest Action:** ASSUMING FIRST SPONSORSHIP - Mrs. McBath asked unanimous consent that she may hereafter be considered as the first sponsor of H.R. 698, a bill originally introduced by Representative Cicilline, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII. Agreed to without objection. (Jun 5, 2023)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/698>

### Sponsor

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**Name:** Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]

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

## Cosponsors (194 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Feb 1, 2023
Del. Plaskett, Stacey E. [D-VI-At Large]	D · VI		Feb 1, 2023
Del. Sablan, Gregorio Kilili Camacho [D-MP-At Large]	D · MP		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Brown, Shontel M. [D-OH-11]	D · OH		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Carter, Troy [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-8]	D · PA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Casar, Greg [D-TX-35]	D · TX		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Casten, Sean [D-IL-6]	D · IL		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	D · FL		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Castro, Joaquin [D-TX-20]	D · TX		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick, Sheila [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Clark, Katherine M. [D-MA-5]	D · MA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]	D · MO		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Clyburn, James E. [D-SC-6]	D · SC		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-21]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Crockett, Jasmine [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6]	D · CO		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Davids, Sharice [D-KS-3]	D · KS		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Deluzio, Christopher R. [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-6]	D · MI		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-37]	D · TX		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2023

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Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Fletcher, Lizzie [D-TX-7]	D · TX		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]	D · IL		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Foushee, Valerie P. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-22]	D · FL		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Frost, Maxwell [D-FL-10]	D · FL		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-8]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Garcia, Robert [D-CA-42]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Goldman, Daniel S. [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Gomez, Jimmy [D-CA-34]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]	D · NJ		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4]	D · NV		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Houlahan, Chrissy [D-PA-6]	D · PA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Hoyer, Steny H. [D-MD-5]	D · MD		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Ivey, Glenn [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Jackson, Jeff [D-NC-14]	D · NC		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Jackson, Jonathan L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Jacobs, Sara [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Kamlager-Dove, Sydney [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-8]	D · MI		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Kim, Andy [D-NJ-3]	D · NJ		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Feb 1, 2023

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Rep. Landsman, Greg [D-OH-1]	D · OH		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-12]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Lee, Summer L. [D-PA-12]	D · PA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Lee, Susie [D-NV-3]	D · NV		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Leger Fernandez, Teresa [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Magaziner, Seth [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Manning, Kathy E. [D-NC-6]	D · NC		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. McBath, Lucy [D-GA-7]	D · GA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. McGarvey, Morgan [D-KY-3]	D · KY		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Mfume, Kweisi [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Moskowitz, Jared [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Mrvan, Frank J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Mullin, Kevin [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-1]	D · MA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Nickel, Wiley [D-NC-13]	D · NC		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Norcross, Donald [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Ocasio-Cortez, Alexandria [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Pelosi, Nancy [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2023

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Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-50]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Pettersen, Brittany [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Ramirez, Delia C. [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]	D · NC		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-25]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Ryan, Patrick [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Salinas, Andrea [D-OR-6]	D · OR		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	D · IL		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]	D · WA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	D · NJ		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-7]	D · MI		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Stansbury, Melanie Ann [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Stanton, Greg [D-AZ-4]	D · AZ		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Stevens, Haley M. [D-MI-11]	D · MI		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Strickland, Marilyn [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Sykes, Emilia Strong [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-39]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Thanedar, Shri [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Feb 1, 2023

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Rep. Tokuda, Jill N. [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Torres, Norma J. [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Torres, Ritchie [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Trahan, Lori [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]	D · IL		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Vasquez, Gabe [D-NM-2]	D · NM		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-25]	D · FL		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Wexton, Jennifer [D-VA-10]	D · VA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Williams, Nikema [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Feb 1, 2023
Rep. Scholten, Hillary J. [D-MI-3]	D · MI		Feb 7, 2023
Rep. Hoyle, Val T. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Feb 21, 2023
Rep. Sorenson, Eric [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Mar 8, 2023
Rep. Budzinski, Nikki [D-IL-13]	D · IL		Mar 27, 2023
Rep. McClellan, Jennifer L. [D-VA-4]	D · VA		Mar 29, 2023
Rep. Caraveo, Yadira [D-CO-8]	D · CO		May 15, 2023
Rep. Amo, Gabe [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Dec 14, 2023
Rep. Kennedy, Timothy M. [D-NY-26]	D · NY		May 14, 2024
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Jun 13, 2024

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 1, 2023

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 6596	Related bill	Dec 8, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
118 S 3407	Related bill	Dec 5, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
118 S 298	Related bill	Feb 7, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
118 HR 625	Related bill	Jan 30, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
118 S 14	Related bill	Jan 23, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
118 S 25	Related bill	Jan 23, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S55)

## Summary (as of Feb 1, 2023)

### Assault Weapons Ban of 2023

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 (LCAF).

The prohibition does not apply to a firearm that is (1) manually operated by bolt, pump, lever, or slide action, except for certain shotguns; (2) permanently inoperable; (3) an antique; (4) only capable of firing rimfire ammunition; or (5) 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 LCAF:

- 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 LCAF.

Newly manufactured LCAFs must display serial number identification. Newly manufactured SAWs and LCAFs 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 LCAF under a buy-back program.

### Actions Timeline

- **Jun 5, 2023: ASSUMING FIRST SPONSORSHIP** - Mrs. McBath asked unanimous consent that she may hereafter be considered as the first sponsor of H.R. 698, a bill originally introduced by Representative Cicilline, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII. Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 1, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 1, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.