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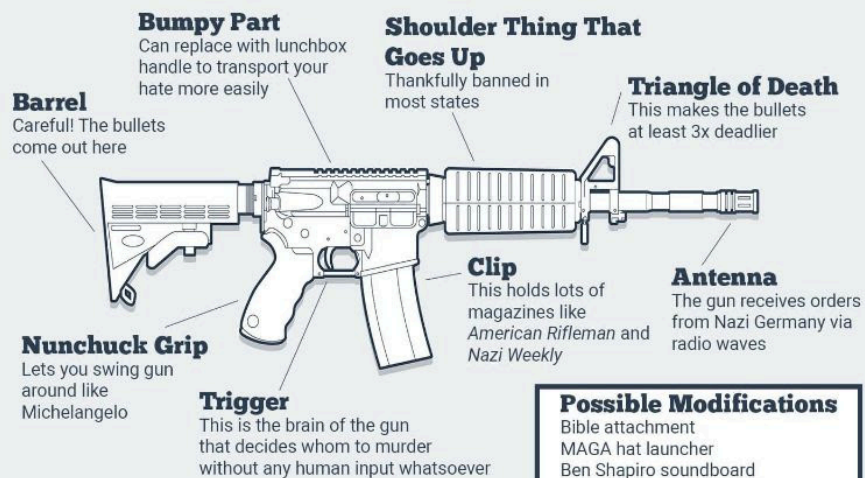
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Assault Rifles



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**Colorado Rep. Lauren Boebert
Introduces a Bill to Abolish the ATF**



Mapped: U.S. States With the Most Guns



National Survey Shows Overwhelming Support for MANDATORY Gun Safety Education Laws



NSSF-Adjusted Background Checks Top 15.2 Million in 2024

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NSSF released the final figures for NSSF-adjusted FBI National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) verifications for December 2024 and the 2024-year-end totals. December's total topped 1.6 million background checks for the sale of a firearm at retail. That brought the 2024 annual total to over 15.2 million background checks for the sale of firearms at retail.



DOJ Announces ATF's Final Volume of National Firearms Commerce and Trafficking Assessment



Opinion: Women Are Leading A Surge In Gun Ownership — Here's Why



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Second Amendment Outlook for 2025



Not the Bee

Video: Darth Vader at the gun range

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE 2025

Different strokes....



Colorado: Semi-Auto Ban Introduced on First Day of Session – Read Text of Bill Here



Altitude Sickness: Colorado Lawmakers Introduce An Authoritarian Gun Ban Bill



Colorado's Next Move Against Gun Rights



Colorado Democrats Release New Assault Weapons Ban Bill



Sale, Manufacture of Semi-Automatic Guns That Accept Detachable Magazines Would be Banned in Colorado Under Bill



Colo. Lawmakers Introduce Semiauto Ban Bill

Colo. Lawmakers Introduce Semiauto Ban Bill Several Democratic Colorado state Senators and Representatives introduced a wide-ranging bill to ban all semiautomatic firearms with detachable magazines from manufacture, distribution, transfer or sale. A violation of the proposed law would be a Class 2 misdemeanor for the first offense, escalating to a Class 6 felony for second or subsequent offenses. The proposed legislation is clearly counter to the U.S. Supreme Court's Heller holding that entire classes of firearms in common use for lawful purposes cannot be banned. While the bill doesn't ban possession, it makes it illegal to legally acquire semiautomatic firearms. NSSF is adamantly opposed to the legislation and is closely monitoring.

Our Democratic legislators wasted no time introducing another gun ban; SB25-0003 was introduced on Wednesday (day one of the current session). These nitwits are positioning this new law as an extension of the large-capacity magazine ban. They don't know much about guns and gun safety. I've heard this is boilerplate from Bloomberg.

See <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb25-003> for the full text. Tom Sullivan and Meg Froelich are the main Senate sponsors. A bunch of representatives have also signed on as sponsors in the House.

Criminals, by definition, don't concern themselves with laws. If you are intent on violating murder laws that go back to the Bible, a piddly-ass law from our legislators means nothing. You are the real target of this bill.

Calling or emailing legislators is effective. If they think their constituents are against a bill, they may moderate it (or even kill it) in committee. You can testify online and in person as this winds through the legislative process.

I've included the 2025 legislative directory, which includes names, districts, party affiliations, emails, phones, etc. Writing or calling any legislator is exactly what democracy is all about. Don't limit yourself to your representative or senator. Write or call as often as you can to as many as possible. Frequently, Legislative staffers provide an aggregate number of those for and against a bill without providing email details. Don't be shy about "stuffing the ballot box".

Polis historically has not supported large-scale gun bans, which don't play well on the national stage. He is term-limited and looking for his next gig. But I would not count on him stopping this bill with a veto.

Heel is a glimmer of hope from the Supreme Court. Four gun cases are in conversation at the Court, two of which directly impact this legislation. I've included a brief description of each.

Don Sheehan
City Council District 4
Centennial, Colorado

The US Supreme Court is considering two cases that could negate this bill in time. They have not yet decided to hear the cases. That could happen this coming Friday (01/17).

The main arguments in *Snope v. Brown* challenge Maryland's ban on certain semi-automatic firearms, categorized as "assault weapons," as unconstitutional under the Second Amendment. Key points include:

Second Amendment Scope: Plaintiffs argue the banned firearms are commonly owned for lawful purposes, such as self-defense, and thus protected by the Second Amendment

1 https://www.supremecourt.gov/DocketPDF/24/24-203/326601/20240923124845911_Snope%20v.%20Brown%20amicus%20brief.pdf

2 <https://crpa.org/news/blogs/crpa-allies-file-amicus-in-snope-v-brown-formerly-bianchi/>

3 <https://www.saf.org/snope-v-brown/>

Misuse of Legal Standards: Critics assert lower courts improperly applied a "two-step" test rejected in Bruen, undermining constitutional protections

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Historical Context: The plaintiffs claim Maryland's law lacks historical precedent for restricting firearms based solely on features like pistol grips or flash suppressors

The Ocean State Tactical v. Rhode Island case is significant as it addresses the constitutionality of Rhode Island's ban on large-capacity magazines (LCMs) holding more than ten rounds. Key arguments include:

- **Second Amendment:** Plaintiffs argue the ban violates the right to keep and bear arms, as LCMs are commonly owned for lawful purposes like self-defense.
- **Historical Analysis:** Critics claim the First Circuit misapplied historical tradition by upholding the ban despite no direct historical precedent for such restrictions.
- **Takings Clause:** Plaintiffs contend the law unlawfully forces owners to surrender or modify their property without compensation

This well-written text is from Dan Gehrke on X. It can be used as an email, a script for a call, or testimony in a committee meeting.

Dear (legislator),

I commend your commitment to enhancing public safety, but I strongly urge you to reconsider SB25-003. The bill carries significant legal, economic, and social risks that could ultimately harm Colorado.

1. Legal Concerns

Constitutional Challenges: The U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen* established that firearm laws must align with historical traditions. SB25-003's broad restrictions risk being struck down as unconstitutional, burdening taxpayers with millions in legal fees.

Precedents: States like California and Illinois have faced repeated legal defeats for similar measures. Colorado's past efforts to enact such laws, like the 2023 and 2024 assault weapons bans, have failed, wasting taxpayer money on doomed initiatives.

2. Economic Consequences

Local Economies: Colorado's firearms industry supports jobs and contributes significantly to tax revenues. SB25-003 could lead to job losses, reduced tax income, and harm to small businesses, particularly gun shops and manufacturers.

Tourism Impact: Restrictive gun laws deter shooting sports enthusiasts and events, reducing tourism revenue.

Fiscal Irresponsibility: With Colorado facing budget constraints, this bill imposes additional financial strain, from enforcement costs to inevitable legal battles.

3. Enforcement Challenges

Strained Resources: Enforcing sweeping restrictions requires significant funding for training, compliance, and enforcement, diverting resources from other critical safety initiatives.

Growth of Illegal Markets: History shows that strict bans often drive demand to black markets, which operate without safety regulations and oversight.

4. Political and Social Costs

Voter Accountability: Failed gun control measures have led to significant voter backlash. The 2013 recall elections of two state senators demonstrate that voters will hold legislators accountable for overreaching gun legislation.

Community Division: Repeated introduction of legally dubious laws exacerbates polarization and undermines trust in legislators' commitment to constitutional principles.

5. Constructive Alternatives

Rather than divisive and likely unconstitutional bans, I urge you to focus on proven measures:

Mental Health Investments: Expanding mental health resources and community violence intervention programs.

Targeted Policies: Measures like safe storage education or enhanced background checks that balance public safety with constitutional rights.

SB25-003 poses severe risks without guaranteeing meaningful safety improvements. Guns are inanimate objects; it is people who commit violence. Misguided legislation targeting tools rather than addressing root causes wastes resources and damages communities. I implore you to pursue thoughtful, effective solutions that respect Colorado's legal, economic, and social realities.

Thank you for considering this perspective. I hope we can find common ground to advance public safety while upholding constitutional rights and fiscal responsibility.



Colorado to introduce gray wolves from British Columbia



NSSF Launches Faces of Firearms Safety Outreach



Proposed National Reciprocity on Concealed Carry, Specifics of S.65

via *groups.io*

SB25-003

I respectfully disagree with the comment that most semi-auto pistols are not included. Recoil operated might cover a Benelli shotgun but from what I can tell the normal semi-auto pistol would fall under the list of banned mechanisms here:

(V) A BLOWBACK-OPERATED SYSTEM THAT DIRECTLY UTILIZES THE EXPANDING GASSES OF THE IGNITED PROPELLANT POWER ACTING ON THE CARTRIDGE CASE TO DRIVE THE BREECHBLOCK OR BREECH BOLT REARWARD.

But don't worry, Our Attorney General Phil Weiser (who just put his hat in the ring to replace Polis) can put out a list of banned firearms (Section 6, 24-31-120 on page 9) just to clarify which are covered.

"Rapid Fire Devices", defined as anything that increases the rate of fire of a semiautomatic firearm above the standard rate of fire, are illegal to possess as part of this bill as well. Looking at the writeup for that, it appears silencers may already be illegal to possess under Colorado law. Have to check further there!

Keith Emerson

Regarding:: "RAPID-FIRE DEVICE" MEANS ANY DEVICE, PART, KIT, TOOL, ACCESSORY, OR COMBINATION OF PARTS THAT HAS THE EFFECT OF INCREASING THE RATE OF FIRE OF A SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM ABOVE THE STANDARD RATE OF FIRE FOR THE SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM..."

So as I see it, that could be interpreted by overzealous gun grabbers to include adding a red dot optical sight or laser designator to facilitate faster target acquisition, adding a bipod, sling or cheek rest to stabilize the aimpoint, or adding a pistol grip, gunstock recoil pad, forward handgrip or muzzle break to minimize the effects of recoil pulling the firearm off the target.

I hope Dudley Brown and RMGO are happy with their campaigns to destroy any Republican running against Sullivan that wouldn't sign their RMGO "no compromise" pledge

Wishbone

Do you have comments? *Send them to me....*



Mile Highlights - Guns caught at DIA: TSA Detected an Increase in Guns at Nation's Airports

The Firearms Coalition of Colorado
01-10-2025 Legislative Alert- Session Has Begun- Second Amendment at Risk

The Colorado General Assembly is in session. Nobody's life, liberty or property are safe. The following bills have been introduced in the State Legislature.

HB25-1055, Repeal Firearm Dealer Requirements and State Permit, Rep. Brooks. This bill would undo the recently passed requirement in HB24-1353 that a gun dealer have a state permit to do business in Colorado. The proposal also lifts associated requirements for employees of the dealer. Bill has been assigned to the House Business Affairs and Labor Committee. Hearing not yet scheduled. Since the Liberals who passed this legislation are still in control at the Capitol, this bill has little prospect of success. We do support the measure.

HB25-1062, Penalty for Theft of Firearms, Reps. Armagost and Duran, Sen. Hinrichsen. This proposal makes theft of any firearm a Class 6 Felony, removing guns from the current sentencing structure that is based on the value of the item stolen. Assigned to the House Judiciary Committee. Not yet scheduled. The bill has bi-partisan support. We support this legislation.

SB25-003, Semiautomatic Firearms and "Rapid Fire Devices" Ban, Sens. Sullivan and J. Gonzales, Reps. Boesenecker and Froelich. This measure bans the manufacture, distribution, transfer, sale, and purchase of any long gun and any "gas operated" handgun with a magazine well. It also bans possession of any "device, part, kit, tool, accessory, or combination of parts" that increase the rate of fire of a semiautomatic firearm. Assigned to Senate State, Veterans and Military Affairs Committee, where Sen. Sullivan is Vice-Chair. Not yet scheduled. Bill has numerous Liberal Co-sponsors in both houses. We vehemently oppose this bill on the grounds it is dramatically unconstitutional, will destroy commerce in firearms in the state, and is a "good step" toward a ban on possession of semi-auto firearms.

SB25-034, Voluntary Surrender of the Right to Purchase a Firearm, Sen. Kipp, Rep. Bosenecker. This bill allows an individual to make himself or herself a prohibited person regarding firearms ownership. Assigned to Senate State, Veterans and Military Affairs Committee. Not yet scheduled. We believe this bill to be a classic solution in search of a problem. It also threatens to metastasize into a permanent involuntary ban at some future time. We oppose.

Please contact your State Senator and Representative in response to these measures. If you come down to the Capitol, no guns, or sharp objects of any kind. No signs inside the building. No clothing with political slogans. No food, hats, or beverages, other than bottled water, in the hearing room. No camo or hunter orange. Sport coat and tie OK. You will have to go through a metal detector and may be asked to remove your belt and pass the buckle through the machine. Come early and plan to stay late. Come into the Capitol through the south ground floor entrance. Double check the schedule. Hearing details can change. Plan to leave the Capitol in groups. You will be unarmed in a bad neighborhood.

You can sign up in advance to testify at any upcoming hearing at the following link.
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This link will work for in-person testimony, remote testimony, or for the submission of written testimony. Your remote testimony can be either video, or audio only. After you sign up, you should receive an e-mail with additional instructions. A link and a phone number are available, if you have problems accessing the above testimony link. You can sign up on the link once the bill is placed on the committee schedule. It is probably a good idea to sign up early.

To watch and/or listen to a hearing at your home, office, or shop, you can access the audio link here, when the hearing begins: [Watch & Listen | Colorado General Assembly](#)

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Be courteous and concise in your comments to all elected officials. Where appropriate, state facts and the personal impact of legislation on you and your family. It is important to let elected officials know your opinion, even if they oppose your views. They need to know there is significant, principled opposition to their intended course of action, or they will assume that no one cares and will pursue even more outrageous proposals.

While public testimony at hearings is important, elections are the most important factors in determining if we are to keep our birthright of freedom recognized by the Second Amendment. Elections determine who runs the legislative process at the state and federal levels, and who controls the boards, councils and commissions for local districts, cities, and counties. Please do as much as you can to assist in the effort to elect pro- Second Amendment candidates in 2024.

Follow us at: <https://groups.io/g/gunissues>. (May need to copy and paste.) (You must sign on to join this group.)

The Firearms Coalition of Colorado is an NRA Grassroots Affiliate. Our all-volunteer organization depends on memberships and the generosity of Second Amendment Supporters. Please join or contribute to The Firearms Coalition of Colorado. Individual memberships are still \$25 per year. Send check or money order to:

The Firearms Coalition of Colorado, PO Box 1454, Englewood, CO 80150-1454



**Updated Detailed Information on
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**7 Ways Good Guys Can Screw Up
in Armed Self-Defense Situations**



Colorado is looking to ban huge swaths of firearms that are responsibly owned and operated by Coloradans in all 64 counties. This new ban introduced last week would ban the sale or transfer of almost all Modern Sporting Rifles (MSRs) which would include AR-15s, AR-10s, and AK platforms, along with other rifles, shotguns, and handguns.

The National Sport Shooting Foundation estimates there were over 24 million MSRs in the United States in 2022. That means these firearms are “common-use,” which is an important legal distinction.

Heller vs. D.C. advanced the protection of the Second Amendment by stating that firearms currently “in common-use” are protected from bans put forth by the government.

Since Modern Sporting Rifles are protected from such prohibitions, why would so many Colorado State Senators not only support but also officially sponsor such an expansive ban?

Are they looking for brownie points from Bloomberg and Soros? Do they lack information about how this ban is unconstitutional? Do they know it's unconstitutional and not care? Do they want to try to overstretch pro-gun organizations by passing laws that will get tied up in the courts?

Whatever the reason is, we will not stand for it. We will always stand against infringements of our gun rights. CSSA is committed to defeating this bill in the state legislature and governor's office. If the ban becomes law, we will explore every legal option. We and our allies across the state and the nation defeated a county ordinance similar to this bill in a 2020 lawsuit.

Again, United States Supreme Court precedent demonstrates that this bill is not constitutional.

We are on the right side of history and truth, but CSSA is only as strong as our supporters. We need you to join us to defeat this and future anti-gun bills here in Colorado. We have defeated bans twice in as many years, gun grabbers lost three seats in the Colorado State House, and lost a congressional seat due to the efforts of gun owners and Second Amendment supporters across the state.

Please follow the buttons at the bottom of this email to donate and become a member of CSSA today. We need your support to continue to defend our freedoms.

With your support, we will fight this bill on every front.

Sincerely,

Ray Elliott, President
Colorado State Shooting Association

Donation Fund Glossary

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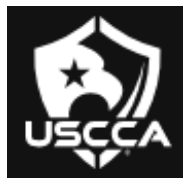
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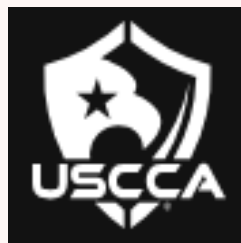


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