



Bill Summary and Position Paper

HR.717

House Bill 717
116th Congress (2019-20)

Semi-Automatic Rifle Ban for adults aged 18-20

By: Rep. Anthony Brown (D-MD-4)

NAGR Position: **Strongly Oppose**

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What the Bill Does

- H.R. 717. 116th Congress, As introduced by Rep. Anthony Brown (D-MD-4) would prohibit a federally licensed firearms dealer from selling any semi-automatic centerfire rifle that has or accepts a magazine with a capacity exceeding 5 rounds to anyone under the age of twenty one.¹

Why it's Bad for Gun Owners:

- The demographic that would be effected by this bill do not perpetrate mass shootings at a rate disproportional to their percentage of the population. "Of the 64 mass public shootings from 1998 through March 13, 2018, ten of the sixty-four attacks were done by people under age 21. Four of these ten attacks were done by people under age 18, and thus they were banned from being able to buy either handguns or rifles"²
- Despite being eligible for the draft, and old enough to be sent to fight in overseas conflicts, persons who are under the age of twenty one are already prohibited from purchasing handguns. If passed, H.R. 717 would leave a twenty year old single mother with mostly ineffective and obsolete means to defend her family.

Additional Co-Sponsors:

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Related Bills:

- H.R. 282 (116th Congress)

References:

1. Official Bill Text and Status: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/66>
2. Crimeresearch.org/2018/03/push-ban-guns-21-years-age-share-mass-public-shootings-done-age-21

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