



## Bill Summary and Position Paper

# H.R. 130

and related bills H.R. 748 and  
Senate Bill 190  
117<sup>th</sup> Congress (2021-22)

# Gun Storage Mandates

Sponsors: Rep. Shelia Jackson Lee (D-TX-18), Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT-3), and Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT)

**NAGR Position: Strongly Oppose**

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### What the Bill Does

- H.R. 130 requires law-abiding citizens who own firearm(s) to store them unloaded and separate from ammunition “in a safe certified by the Attorney General, and locked with a trigger lock certified by the Attorney General” or store them “off the premises at a storage facility, or gun range, certified by the Attorney General.”

### Why it's Bad for Gun Owners:

- Forcing gun owners to purchase “a safe certified by the Attorney General” can make it impossible for poorer gun owners, who often need protection the most, to acquire a new firearm or to legally keep an existing firearm for self-defense.
- Making additional hurdles to accessing and loading firearms during a break in is a win for criminals who count on gun control laws to keep their prey unarmed victims.
- H.R. 130 specifically states, “The Attorney General, through the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, shall investigate all reports that a person is improperly storing a firearm or ammunition.” The bill never specifies what constitutes a “report” or an investigation for that matter, which would leave it up to interpretation. Taken to the extreme, it could mean a gun hating neighbor or ex-partner could call to report you as unsafe. If the resulting investigation finds that you are storing your firearm in a safe that isn’t “certified by the Attorney General” you could be fined up to \$5000.

### H.R. 130 and related bills:

1. Official Bill and Status: [H.R. 130 Rep. Shelia Jackson Lee - Storage Bill](#)
2. Official Bill and Status: [H.R. 748 Rep. Rosa DeLauro - Storage Bill](#)
3. Official Bill and Status: [S. 190 Sen. Richard Blumenthal - Storage Bill](#)