



Bill Summary and Position Paper

S. 736

Senate Bill
117th Congress (2021-22)

Semi-Auto Ban

By: Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)
NAGR Position: Strongly Oppose

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What the Bill Does

- Introduced by Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), S. 736 outlaws the sale, transfer, manufacture, and importation of common civilian owned semi-automatic firearms which are arbitrarily classified by the government as “assault weapons”

Why it’s Bad for Gun Owners:

- S. 736 outlaws thousands of commonly owned civilian firearms based only on cosmetic features that do nothing to alter the function of the firearm, but merely “look scary.” These features include folding, telescoping, or other adjustable stocks, along with pistols that weigh over 50 ounces when unloaded.
- S. 736 will prohibit all semi-automatic shotguns that can accept a detachable magazine, regardless of any other characteristics of the firearm, as well as those with a fixed magazine that can hold more than 5 rounds.
- If your gun is semi-automatic or if it is capable of holding more than 7 rounds of ammunition, it might be an “assault weapon.” Your \$10 magazine may also be banned if it holds more than 7 rounds.
- Semi-automatic weapons include many commercially used handguns and hunting rifles. Any firearm that can eject a shell casing and chamber the next round with a single trigger pull is semi-automatic. An 18th century muzzle loader is an example of a firearm that is not semi-automatic.
- The term “assault weapon” is not a technical classification for firearms. The term was invented in the late 1980’s by left-wing activists to include a broad range of firearms that share cosmetic attributes rather than any mechanical enhancement. In other words they just “look scary.”

Related Bills:

- S. 66 (116th Congress)