



Bill Summary and Position Paper

H.R. 625

Standard Capacity Magazine Ban

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Sponsor: Rep Diana DeGette
NAGR Position: **Strongly Oppose**

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What the Bill Does

- [H.R. 625](#) outlaws standard capacity gun magazines that hold over 15 rounds.

Why it's Bad for Gun Owners:

- Gun control advocates would have you believe that magazines with more than a 15 round capacity are only used by criminals to kill or injure vast numbers of law-abiding citizens. The truth is that most criminals use small, cheap, concealable firearms that have lower capacity magazines or no magazines at all. All too often these criminals break into homes in groups of two or more putting the homeowner at a numerical disadvantage. In this situation having a higher capacity magazine helps the law-abiding citizen even the playing field.
- Hollywood movies would have you believe that one shot stops the bad guy. The truth is it often takes multiple rounds to stop an attacker. Which is why law enforcement officers almost universally use magazines with capacities of 15 rounds or more. Law-abiding gun owners should be afforded the same resources as those officers.
- “What about mass shooting events,” gun grabbers like to ask. Limiting magazine capacity will not hinder a mass shooter who has the luxury of planning and preparation. The use of multiple firearms and multiple low capacity magazines has been employed to deadly effect. With the exception of extremely rare examples, the momentary delay of changing magazines has not impacted the outcome of those events (people generally run away from a shooter, giving them all the time they need to change magazines.) What has made the difference in mass shooting events is the presence of either law enforcement or a gun owner willing to challenge the attacker.

Related bill:

1. [S. 298](#) – Standard Capacity Magazine Ban, Sen. Robert Menendez (D-NJ)