

A BILL TO ENFORCE UNIVERSAL GUN CONTROL LAWS

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that all gun purchases require a license and extensive background checks and high capacity magazines and assault weapons be banned.

Section I: This law will enforce stricter gun control laws to limit gun-related deaths, including suicides, homicides, and mass shootings. The law will require all high-capacity magazines and assault rifles and accessories, such as 30-point clips and 90-point clips, AR-15s, and M16s, be banned from sale and distribution. It will additionally mandate background checks of mental and criminal records as a prerequisite to gun purchases.

Subsection 1a: High capacity magazines are firearms often used in mass shootings, made to maximize harm without much accuracy. They were used in 50% of the 62 mass shootings between 1982 and 2012 (*Mother Jones*.)

Subsection 1b: Assault Rifles such as the AR-15 rifle are military-grade firearms made for mass killing, not civilian use.

Section II: All state governments, local police departments, and gun retailers shall enforce this law, following enforcement from the Department of Justice the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), and the National Instant Criminal Background Check. All gun retailers, including sellers of multiple guns online or at gun shows, must follow federal laws on weapon dealing and run background checks on mental and criminal backgrounds before selling a firearm. Background checks shall be run through the ATF and examined through the National Instant Criminal Background check. Increased staff and resources towards these programs shall be implemented to regulate enforcement of this law. State prosecutors will enforce this law by prosecuting those who do not abide by the law with appropriate penalties. Clarification of laws to implement gun control and of the term “engaged with the weapon dealing business” are necessary to strengthen effectiveness of this law.

Section III: The Department of Justice will be granted \$350 million to enforce gun control laws.

Subsection 1a: \$50 million to provide comprehensive registration of all guns and gun owners.

Subsection 1b: \$40 million to increase inspections of the gun industry.

Section IV: This bill shall be enacted on the start of the fiscal year, July 1, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

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