

2023 Colorado and Federal Firearms Bills

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Colorado Legislative Proposals

HB23-1165 Firearm Discharges in Counties

Status: Passed House on 3rd reading on 2/16/2023 36-27-2. Assigned to Senate Local Government and Housing Committee. (Reps. Judy Amabile and Karen McCormick, Sen. Sonya Jaquez Lewis). Expands the capabilities of county commissioners to designate unincorporated areas of a county where it is unlawful to discharge firearms. This is both a safety and noise issue.

HB23-1219 Waiting Period to Deliver a Firearm - Strongly Support

Status: Passed House on 3rd reading on 3/11/2023 44-20-1. Senate State Affairs hearing 3/16/2023 1:30, Old Supreme Court Chambers (Reps. Meg Froelich and Judy Amabile, Sens. Tom Sullivan and Chris Hansen). Requires a 3-day waiting period before transfer of a firearm.

HB23-1222 Jurisdiction of Municipal Courts to Hear Domestic Violence Offenses

Status: Introduced 3/3/2023. Assigned to House Judiciary. (Reps. Monica Duran and Mike Weissman, Sen. Dylan Roberts). Would prohibit the prosecution of alleged act of domestic violence in municipal courts.

HB23-1230 Assault Weapons Ban - Strongly Support

Status: Introduced, Assigned to House Judiciary 3/3/2023. (Rep. Elizabeth Epps, Sen. Rhonda Fields). Prohibits the manufacture, sale, importation, purchase or transfer of an assault weapon and prohibits the possession of a rapid-fire trigger activator.

SB23-022 Add vehicular theft to POWPO-eligible felonies - Support

Status: Passed Senate Judiciary on 4-1 vote on 2/13/2023. Passed 2nd reading 3/14/2023. (Sen. Nick Hinrichsen, Rep. Shannon Bird) Adds aggravated vehicular theft to the list of felonies that are POWPO-eligible (Possession of Weapon by a Previous Offender).

SB23-168 Repeal of Gun Violence Victims' Access to Judicial System - Strongly Support

Status: Passed Senate on 3rd reading 3/13/2023. Assigned to House Judiciary. (Sens. Sonya Jaquez-Lewis and Chris Kolker, Reps. Javier Mabrey and Jennifer Parenti). Repeals the Gun Industry Immunity law of 1986 and 2000. It further requires the industry to implement reasonable controls related to its product and enables persons to seek legal recourse for violation of those standards.

SB23-169 Increasing Minimum Age to Purchase and Possess Firearms - Strongly Support

Status: Passed Senate on 3rd reading 3/13/2023. Assigned To House State Affairs. (Sens. Kyle Mullica, Jessie Danielson, Reps. Monica Duran and Eliza Hamrick). Increases the legal age to purchase, possess, sell or transfer a firearm.

SB23-170 Extreme Risk Protection Orders Expansion - Strongly Support

Status: Passed Senate on 3rd reading 3/13/2023. Assigned to House Judiciary. (Sens. Tom Sullivan and Stephen Fenberg, Reps. Jennifer Bacon and Mike Weissman). Expands list of ERPO petitioners to include DA's and designees, AG and designees, health and mental health professionals, and educators.

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Colorado Defeated Proposals

HB23-1044 Second Amendment Preservation Act - Strongly Oppose

Status: Pl'ed* on 8-2-1 party-line vote on 2/6/2023. (Rep. Ken DeGraaf). Moves interpreting the second amendment from the Supreme Court to the state legislature. Provides \$50,000 fines to jurisdictions that enforce laws that tax, prohibit, register or confiscate firearms or accessories. Would thereby nullify large capacity magazine ban and ERPO (red flag) laws. Similar bills have appeared in other states. Violates U.S. Constitution Supremacy Clause.

HB23-1050 - Use of Deadly Force in Business - Strongly Oppose

Status: PI'ed on 8-2-1 party-line vote on 2/6/2023. (Rep. Ty Winter). Would allow a manager, employee or anyone with in lawful possession of a firearm to use deadly force against an intruder in a business location if they felt threatened, no matter how slight. This is a Stand Your Ground bill. Think of the shooting death of Trayvon Martin in Florida, and you've got the idea. This is the seventeenth year this type of bill has been defeated.

HB23-1092 - Limitating Use of State Monies - Oppose

Status: Pl'ed in Finance 11-0 on 2/6/2023 at Sponsor's request. (Rep. Rod Bockenfeld). Would prohibit state money from being used to further social, political, or ideological interests, and would affect PERA investment decisions. Furthermore, it would require a government contract to verify that it would not engage in economic boycott of another company for those same interests. Included firearms as an issue. Similar bills are appearing in other states.

Federal Bills of Concern

Already, there are over 60 firearms-related bills introduced in Congress. This is a selection of prominent ones.

H.R. 38 and S. 214 Federally Mandated Concealed Carry (CCW) Reciprocity - Strongly oppose

Status: Introduced. House bill has 154 co-sponsors, including Lamborn, and Buck. Senate bill has 44 co-sponsors, none from Colorado. Would mandate that every state honor CCW permits from other states and also people from permitless states. House bill would allow someone denied a permit in Colorado to get one in a state that doesn't require residency, would allow individuals to take their guns into K-12 schools, and to sue law officers or political subdivision if they are arrested or detained.

H.R. 151 and S. 163 Remove short-barreled shotguns from National Firearms Act of 1934 – Strongly oppose

Status: House bill has 37 co-sponsors, including Buck and Boebert. Senate bill has 18 co-sponsors.

H.R. 152 Hearing Protection Act and S. 401 - Strongly oppose

Status: House bill has 60 co-sponsors, including Buck and Boebert. Senate had 28 co-sponsors. Removes silencers from the National Firearms Act of 1934.

H.R. 625 Regulate Large Capacity Magazines - Strongly Support

Status: Diana DeGette is prime sponsor, has 106 co-sponsors including Crow.

H.R. 660 and S. 173 Safe Storage (Ethan's Law) - Strongly Support

Status: House bill has 190 co-sponsors including Caraveo, Crow, DeGette, Neguse and Pettersen. Senate bill has 30 co-sponsors including Bennet and Hickenlooper.

H.R. 698 and S. 25 Assault Weapons Ban – Strongly Support

Status: House bill has 202 co-sponsors including Crow, DeGette, Neguse and Pettersen. Senate bill has 41 co-sponsors including Bennet and Hickenlooper.

H.R. 715 and S. 494 Universal Background Checks - Strongly Support

Status: House bill has 181 co-sponsors including Caraveo, Crow, DeGette, Neguse and Pettersen. Senate has 47 including Bennet and Hickenlooper.

S. 14 Minimum Age for gun purchase - Support

Status: has 24 co-sponsors. Sets minimum age for assault weapons and large capacity magazine purchase to 21.

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