

2023 Colorado and Federal Firearms Bills

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Colorado Newly Enacted Laws

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

Status: Signed by Governor Polis 4/28/2023. (Reps. Meg Froelich and Judy Amabile, Sens. Tom Sullivan and Chris Hansen). Requires a 3-day waiting period before transfer of a firearm. Effective 10/1/2023 unless referendum petition is filed by 8/7/2023.

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

Status: Signed by Governor Polis 5/25/2023. Reps. Monica Duran and Mike Weissman, Sen. Dylan Roberts). Would require municipal courts to take actions similar to county courts on domestic violence cases. Effective 1/1/2024 unless referendum petition is filed by 8/7/2023.

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

Status: Signed by Governor Polis 4/28/2023. (Sens. Sonya Jaquez-Lewis and Chris Kolker, Reps. Javier Mabrey and Jennifer Parenti). Repeals the Gun Industry Immunity law of 1986 and 2000. Effective Date 10/1/2023.

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

Status: Signed by Governor Polis 4/28/2023. (Sens. Kyle Mullica, Jessie Danielson, Reps. Monica Duran and Eliza Hamrick). Increases the legal age to purchase, possess, sell, or transfer a firearm. Effective 8/7/2023 unless referendum petition filed by 8/7/2023.

SB23-170 Extreme Risk Protection Orders Expansion – Strongly Support

Status: Signed by Governor Polis 4/28/2023. (Sens. Tom Sullivan and Stephen Fenberg, Reps. Jennifer Bacon and Mike Weissman). Expands list of ERPO petitioners to include DAs and designees, AG and designees, health and mental health professionals, and educators. Effective upon Governor's signature 4/28/2023.

SB23-279 Ghost Guns (Unserialized Firearms and Components) - Strongly Support

Status: Signed by Governor Polis 6/2/2023. (Sens. Rhonda Fields and Chris Hansen, Reps. Andrew Boesenecker and Junie Joseph). Requires that all firearms and components are serialized. Provides mechanism for serializing by 1/1/2024. Bans machine gun conversion devices. Effective upon Governor's signature 4/28/2023, with some provisions (possession, etc.) effective 1/1/2024.

Colorado Defeated Proposals

<u>HB23-1044 Second Amendment Preservation Act – Strongly Oppose</u>

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.

<u>HB23-1050 – Use of Deadly Force in Business – Strongly Oppose</u>

Status: Pl'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. **Continued**

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HB23-1092 - Limiting 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.

HB23-1165 Firearm Discharges in Counties

Status: Passed House on 3rd reading on 2/16/2023 36-27-2. Pl'ed* by Senate Local Government and Housing Committee on 5/4/2023. (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.

HB23-1230 Assault Weapons Ban - Strongly Support

Status: Defeated in House Judiciary 4/19 by vote of 6-7. (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.

HCR23-1003 Referendum for Constitutional Amendment for Permitless CCW - Strongly Oppose

Status: Defeated in House State Affairs by party-line vote of 7-3. (Reps. Matt Soper). Would put to the voters a question of adding to Colorado's constitution a right to permitless concealed carry.

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

Status: Passed Senate 3rd reading 3/15/2023, 29-5-1 Passed House Judiciary on 4/25/2023 by vote of 8-5. Died on the calendar 5/8/2023. (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).

Federal Bills of Concern

Already, there are 145 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 162 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 HR 646 and S. 163 Remove short-barreled shotguns from National Firearms Act of 1934 – Strongly oppose Status: HR151 has 37 co-sponsors, including Buck and Boebert and HR646 has 45 co-sponsors, including Boebert. Senate bill has 20 co-sponsors.

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

Status: House bill has 65 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 137 co-sponsors including Crow, Pettersen, and Neguse

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

Status: House bill has 203 co-sponsors including Caraveo, Crow, DeGette, Neguse, and Pettersen. Senate bill has 32 co-sponsors including Bennet and Hickenlooper.

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

Status: House bill has 205 co-sponsors including Crow, DeGette, Neguse, Pettersen, and Caraveo. Senate bill has 42 co-sponsors including Bennet and Hickenlooper.

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

Status: House bill has 205 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.

Firearms-related bills sponsored by Coloradoans in Congress

S. 1285	School Shooting Safety Preparedness – Michael Bennet (O co-sponsors)
H.R. 625	Regulate Large Capacity Magazines – Diana DeGette (137 co-sponsors)
H.R. 1830	Prohibit Out-of-State Gun Transfers – Jason Crow (5 co-sponsors)
H.R. 2753	Firearm Retailer Code of Conduct – Jason Crow (11 co-sponsors)
H.R. 2897	End Gun Violence Act – Joe Neguse (18 co-sponsors)
H.R. 2898	Secure Background Checks Act – Joe Neguse (15 co-sponsors)
H.R. 2899	Grants moneys against mass violence – Joe Neguse (15 co-sponsors)
H.R. 3212	Repeal every gun control law from 117 th Congress – Lauren Boebert (21 co-sponsors)
H.R. 3872	Study lockdown mental health effects (3 co-sponsors)

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