

2024 Colorado and Federal Firearms Bills

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Colorado Gun Violence Reform Proposals

SB24-003 CBI Authority to Investigate Firearm Crimes – Strongly Support

Status: Passed by Senate Judiciary Committee 2/5 on party-line 3-2. Passed Senate 3rd reading 3/15. On to the House. (Sen. Tom Sullivan and Rep. Meg Froelich). Would grant CBI authority to initiate investigations into illegal firearm activities, including "lie and try" and illegal activities of gun dealers. Tip line for gun dealers and citizens.

SB24-057 Agricultural Workforce and Suicide Prevention - Support

Status: Passed by Senate Health and Human Services Committee 2/7 on party-line 5-3. On to Senate Appropriations. (Sen. Tom Sullivan and Rep. Meg Froelich). Creates mental health and suicide prevention program in Department of Agriculture, which will conduct an awareness campaign and collect data, among other responsibilities.

SB24-066 Firearms Merchant Category Code - Strongly Support

Status: Passed Senate 3rd reading 2/21 with party-line vote of 22-11. Assigned to House Business, Labor and Technology hearing 3/21 (Sen. Tom Sullivan and Rep. Meg Froelich). Would require that a merchant category code be established for Colorado firearms retailers, where it is there primary source of revenue. Algorithms could filter through billions of transactions to identify gun traffickers and persons amassing arsenals and perhaps planning mass shootings.

SB24-107 POWPO additional crimes -Support

Status: Passed Senate Judiciary 2/28 on a 4-1 vote. On to Senate Appropriations. (Sen. Bob Gardner and Rep. Gabe Evans). Would add motor vehicle theft and drug distribution to POWPO-eligible crimes. (POWPO=Possession of Weapon by Previous Offender)

SB24-131 Sensitive Spaces – Strongly Support

Status: Introduced 2/7 Assigned to Senate Judiciary Hearing Wednesday 3/20. (Sens. Sonya Jaquez Lewis and Chris Kolker, Reps. Kyle Brown, and Mandy Lindsay). Would designate places where persons may not carry concealed or openly carried firearms. The list includes day care centers, libraries, recreation centers, community centers, courts, hospitals and medical/mental health centers, stadiums, museums, zoos, parks, shelters for homeless and domestic violence victims, banks, college and university campuses, marijuana shops, houses of worship, bars, public protests, etc. Also prohibits concealed or openly carried firearms near voting sites or vote processing centers.

SB24-158 Social Media Protect Juveniles Disclosures Report - Support

Status: Introduced 2/13 Assigned to Senate Business, Labor and Technology Hearing Tuesday 3/12. (Sens. Chris Hansen and Dafna Michaelson Jenet, Rep. Meghan Lukens). Establishes requirements for the operation of social media platforms and authorizes the Attorney General to enforce.

HB24-1015 Workplace Suicide Prevention Education - monitor

Status: Passed House Business Affairs 1/31 on 11-0 vote. On to House Appropriations. (Rep. Stephanie Vigil and Sen. Dafna Michaelson Jenet). Requires department of Labor to produce suicide prevention education posters and notices. Employers will be required to post these and provide information to employees.

HB24-1066 Preventing Workplace Violence in Health Care Settings - monitor

Status: Passed Health and Human Services 2/27 on 12-1 vote. On to House Appropriations. (Rep. Eliza Hamrick and Lorena Garcia, Sens. Dafna Michaelson Jenet and Julie Gonzales). Requires health care facilities to establish a workplace violence prevention committee to document violence incidents, develop a prevention plan, provide training, submit reports to the behavioral health administration and offer post-incident services to staff.

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HB24-1122 Protection Orders Domestic Violence-Support

Status: Passed House 3rd reading on a 55-4-6 vote. On to Senate Judiciary, hearing 3/18 (Reps. Monica Duran and Rose Pugliese, Sens. Dylan Roberts and Faith Winters). Addresses court processes for temporary domestic violence protection orders and includes firearm relinquishment.

HB24-1123 Funding for School Safety Firearm Detection - Neutral

Status: Introduced 1/29 Assigned to House Education. Hearing 3/21 action only. (Rep. Brandi Bradly and Sen. Kevin Van Winkle) Establishes a fund for schools to purchase such systems. No fiscal note, not funds in bill.

HB24-1174 Standardization of CCW Training Classes – Strongly Support

Status: Passed House Judiciary 2/13 on party-line 8-3 vote. Passed House Finance 3/4 on 7-4 party line vote. Passed House 3rd reading 3/11 on 43-16-6 party-line vote. (Reps. Monica Duran and Marc Snyder, Sen. Kyle Mullica). Establishes minimum standards for CCW classes including safe firearm handling, live fire exercise, education on gun laws and conflict resolution.

<u>HB24-1270 Firearm Liability Insurance Requirement – Support</u>

Status: Introduced 2/13 Assigned to House Business Affairs and Labor. Hearing perhaps 3/28. (Reps. Steven Woodrow and Iman Jodeh, Sen. Chris Hansen) Would require firearm owners maintain liability insurance and require insurance companies to offer such policies.

HB24-1292 Prohibit Certain Weapons used in Mass Shootings – Support

Status: Introduced 2/13 Assigned to House Judiciary. Hearing 3/19. (Reps. Tim Hernández and Elisabeth Epps) Prohibits the manufacture, purchase, sale or transfer of an assault weapon. Prohibits possession of a rapid-fire trigger activator.

HB24-1310 School Safey Measures - Support

Status: Introduced 2/16 Assigned House Education. Hearing perhaps on 3/28. (Reps. Jennifer Parenti and Eliza Hamrick) Would define "school safety officer," establish requirements for the position, including rigorous training. Would prohibit educators from being school safety officers and would require guns stored in schools be locked in a gun safe in a locked room or closet only accessible by law enforcement and school resource officers.

HB24-1348 Secure Firearm Storage in a Vehicle – Strongly Support

Status: Introduced 2/28 Passed House Judiciary 3/13 on 7-3 party line vote. On to House floor. (Reps. Elizabeth Velasco and Lorena Garcia, Sens. Sonya Jaquez Lewis and Rhonda Fields) Would require firearms left unattended in vehicles be locked inside the vehicle inside a locked hard cover case and not be visible from outside the vehicle.

HB24-1349 Firearms and Ammunition Excise Tax – Strongly Support

Status: Introduced 2/28 Assigned House Finance. Hearing 3/25. (Rep. Monica Duran) Would send to the voters a request for an excise tax on firearms and ammunition. Generated funds would first be dedicated to Victims Assistance program funds and also to school safety and gun violence prevention programs.

HB24-1353 Firearms Dealer Requirements and Permits – Strongly Support

Status: Introduced 2/29 Assigned Business Affairs and Labor. Hearing perhaps on 3/28. (Reps. Emily Sirota and Andrew Boesenecker, Sen. Jeff Bridges) Would require every firearms dealer in the state to obtain a state issued permit. The Department of Revenue would oversee the permit system and inspect dealers to see that they are complying with local, state and federal law and that all employees pass background checks and take required annual training. Dealing in firearms without a permit can result in a maximum \$250,000 fine.

Colorado Proposals Defeated

HB24-1162 Penalty of Theft of Firearms - Support

Status: Defeated in House Judiciary 2/14 on 5-6 vote. (Reps. Ryan Armagost and Marc Snyder). Makes theft of a firearm a Class 6 felony. Second Offense is Class 5 felony. Was amended to be a Class 2 misdemeanor. Still failed.

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Federal Bills of Concern

There are 224 bills dealing with firearms, these are ones of interest or concern:

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

Status: Introduced. House bill has 165 cosponsors, including Lamborn, and Buck. Senate bill has 44 c-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 does not 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 cosponsors, including Buck and Boebert and HR646 has 47 cosponsors, including Boebert. Senate bill has 21 cosponsors.

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

Status: House bill has 69 cosponsors, including Buck and Boebert. Senate had 28 cosponsors. 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 161 cosponsors including Crow, Pettersen, Neguse and Caraveo

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

Status: House bill has 206 cosponsors including Caraveo, Crow, DeGette, Neguse and Pettersen. Senate bill has 38 cosponsors including Bennet and Hickenlooper.

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

Status: House bill has 206 cosponsors including Crow, DeGette, Neguse, Pettersen and Caraveo. Senate bill has 45 cosponsors including Bennet and Hickenlooper.

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

Status: House bill has 206 cosponsors including Caraveo, Crow, DeGette, Neguse and Pettersen. Senate has 47 including Bennet and Hickenlooper.

H.R. 7450 Prohibit Firearm Merchant Category Code - Strongly oppose

Status: Has 2 cosponsors, none from Colorado.

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Other Firearms-related bills sponsored by Coloradans in Congress

S. 1285 School Shooting Safety Preparedness – Michael Bennet (0 cosponsors)

H.R. 1830 Prohibit Out-of-State Gun Transfers – Jason Crow (6 cosponsors)

H.R. 2753 Firearm Retailer Code of Conduct – Jason Crow (16 cosponsors)

H.R. 2897 End Gun Violence Act – Joe Neguse (19 cosponsors)

H.R. 2898 Secure Background Checks Act – Joe Neguse (16 cosponsors)

H.R. 2899 Grants moneys against mass violence – Joe Neguse (16 cosponsors)

H.R. 3212 Repeal every gun control law from 117th congress – Lauren Boebert (23 cosponsors)

H.R. 3872 Study lockdown mental health effects - Brittany Pettersen (5 cosponsors)

H.R. 4384 Reauthorize funds for safe neighborhoods – Joe Neguse (12 cosponsors)

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