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THE FEDERAL ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN

THE BAN MUST BE RENEWED AND STRENGTHENED

In 1994 Congress banned assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines. This law will expire on September 13, 2004, unless Congress takes action.

RENEWAL IS NOT ENOUGH

THE FACTS

ONE IN FIVE POLICE OFFICERS SLAIN IN THE LINE OF DUTY ARE KILLED WITH AN ASSAULT WEAPON!

At least 41 of the 211—or one in five—law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty between January 1, 1998, and December 31, 2001, were killed with assault weapons according to Federal Bureau of Investigation data.

WHAT DID THE 1994 LAW DO?

The law banned a list of 19 assault weapons—guns such as the AK-47, UZI, Colt AR-15, TEC-9, MAC-10, and others. It also classified as assault weapons firearms with specific design characteristics. Finally, it banned the production and sale of new, high-capacity ammunition magazines.

WHY THE BAN NEEDS STRENGTHENING

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Bushmaster XM15 M4 Type 16[®] Post-Ban Carbine...
M4 Profile Barrel • Mini Y Comp Muzzle Brake • Fixed length BATF Approved Telescopic Stock

A new model from Bushmaster in 2001, this XM15 E2S M4 Type Post-Ban Carbine features a lightweight 14.5" barrel machined in the distinctive M4 profile with a permanently attached Mini Y Comp muzzle brake. This configuration yields a total barrel length of 16" to comply with Post-Ban regulations. A BATF approved fixed telescopic buttstock is added to complete the military look of this new carbine. The 14.5" barrel is chrome lined in both bore and chamber for maximum longevity and ease of maintenance. The barrel's button rifling, in a 1 x 9" right hand twist, will stabilize a wide range of currently available ammunition with bullet weights up to 69 grains. The M16A2 dual aperture, rear sight system offers both windage and elevation adjustments - elevation is calibrated from 300 to 800 meters. The two different apertures give either a short range, quick target acquisition sight picture or a smaller "zoom" aperture for long distance accuracy. The telescopic-style buttstock is pinned and fixed in an "open" position and has been BATF approved for use on Post-Ban manufactured carbines.

As with all other Bushmasters, the forged 7075-T6 aircraft quality aluminum receivers are finished in a non-reflective mil. spec. hard anodize for durability, and include all M16A2 design improvements such as: cartridge case deflector, heli round bolt, flat-top and raised ridges for magazine release button protection, a mil. spec. manganese phosphate coating ensures complete protection against corrosion or rust on barrel and other exposed steel parts. The M4-16[®] Carbine is shipped in a hard lockable, hard plastic case - complete with 10 round magazine, carrying sling, and Operator's Safety and Instruction Manual.

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 (Model Number: PCWAZ2 160491)
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The Washington, DC-area snipers used a "post-ban" assault rifle and killed 10.

The Bushmaster XM15 used by the Washington, DC-area snipers to kill 10 and wound three in October 2002 is the poster child for the gun industry's cynical efforts to circumvent the federal assault weapons ban. Bushmaster even advertises the gun — based on the banned Colt AR-15 assault rifle — as a "post-ban" Carbine.

HOW THE GUN INDUSTRY BEAT THE 1994 LAW

Immediately after its passage, the gun industry moved quickly to make slight design changes in its weapons to evade the law. Today gunmakers openly boast of how they circumvent and defy the assault weapons ban. "Sporterized," post-ban versions of banned assault weapons — manufactured here and abroad — flood the civilian market. As *Gun World* magazine noted in an August 2001 review of the Vepr II, a "sporterized" version of the AK-47 (Avtomat Kalashnikov) assault rifle: "In spite of assault rifle bans, bans on high capacity magazines, the rantings of the anti-gun media and the rifle's innate political incorrectness, the [AK-47] Kalashnikov, in various forms and guises, has flourished. Today there are probably more models, accessories and parts to choose from than ever before."

WHAT IS AN ASSAULT WEAPON?

Civilian assault weapons can be rifles, pistols, or shotguns. They are semiautomatic (firing one bullet per trigger pull), military-style, anti-personnel firearms. Unlike true military weapons, they are not fully automatic (firing bullets as long as the trigger is depressed). Military and civilian assault weapons share key design features: pistol grips or barrel shrouds that allow the weapon to be "spray-fired" from the hip; and, the ability to accept detachable, high-capacity ammunition magazines holding from 10 to 100 rounds of ammunition. These features make it possible for the shooter to fire quickly across a relatively wide area with a lethal spray of bullets. This increased lethality makes assault weapons particularly dangerous in civilian use and explains their appeal to mass murderers, cop killers, and other violent criminals. It also distinguishes them from true hunting or target weapons.

HOW "SPORTERIZING" AND OTHER COSMETIC CHANGES ALLOW GUNMAKERS TO BEAT THE BAN



STRENGTHENING THE FEDERAL ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN

The 1994 assault weapons law must not only be renewed. It must also be strengthened and improved. Legislation pending in Congress, the "Assault Weapons Ban and Law Enforcement Protection Act of 2003" (S. 1431, H.R. 2038), will do this. This legislation will:

- expand the list of named assault weapons;
- improve the "characteristics test" to capture *all* assault weapons;
- grant the Justice Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives some discretion to classify specific firearms as assault weapons;
- ban manufacturers from using pre-ban, high-capacity ammunition magazines in post-ban weapons; and,
- ban the importation of high-capacity ammunition magazines.



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RENEWAL ALONE IS NOT ENOUGH

The gun industry has successfully evaded the 1994 law. Simple renewal of the existing ban is not enough to address the severe danger assault weapons pose to public safety. The ban must be updated with substantial improvements to prevent the gun industry from continuing to flood America's streets with these deadly weapons, placing our citizens, police, and communities at risk.

LEARN MORE

To learn more about the federal assault weapons ban and the need to renew and strengthen the law, visit the Violence Policy Center's web action center at www.banassaultweapons.org.