

H.R. 698/S.25, Assault Weapons Ban of 2023

What will the law do?

- Bans the import, sale, manufacture, transfer, or possession of new assault weapons and large capacity magazines
- Moves to a one characteristic test
- Bans aftermarket modifications

Sponsors:

Rep. David Cicilline (RI-1) (original sponsor)

Rep. Lucy McBath (GA-7) (current sponsor)

Senator Dianne Feinstein (CA)

Cosponsors and holdouts listed on [Newtown Action Alliance Campaign Against Assault Weapons](#)

For statistics and more information:

[Brady: Assault Weapons Ban of 2023, H.R. 698 & S. 25](#)

[Everytown for Gun Safety: Prohibit Assault Weapons](#)

[Newtown Action Alliance Supports Assault Weapons Ban of 2023](#)

Why is it important?

- Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act (1994) included a federal assault weapons ban. It expired in 2004.
 - Gun massacres dropped by 37%
 - Mass shooting fatalities - 70% less likely to occur
 - Since 2004, 183% increase in gun massacres and 239% increase in fatalities.
 - Statistics taken from [Brady: Assault Weapons Ban of 2023, H.R. 698 & S. 25](#)
- Used in multiple mass shootings

