

## Facts pertaining to the action:

*Ban high-capacity magazines and other gun modifications and hold all sellers in commerce chain accountable for the ban.*

### HIGH-CAPACITY MAGAZINES

## Which states prohibit high-capacity magazines?



### What it does

These laws prohibit the purchase of high-capacity magazines, which are ammunition-feeding devices designed for lethality—enabling a shooter to fire more rounds without pausing to reload. States have typically defined *high-capacity* to include magazines that hold more than 10 rounds, though a few states provide different thresholds.

### How many magazines can you legally carry?

In the United States, there is no limit to the number of magazines that a person can carry at one time. However, certain states may have restrictions on magazine capacity or even ban magazines altogether. For instance, in California, it is illegal to possess any magazine with a capacity of more than 10 rounds. Additionally, some states may have restrictions on the types of firearms that are allowed to be used with larger-capacity magazines. In general, the federal government has placed no restrictions on the size and quantity of magazines people can carry within the country.

### State examples

- **North Carolina's** magazine capacity law allows high-capacity magazines. The law allows any individual lawfully purchasing a firearm to buy and possess a high-capacity magazine without restriction, providing they meet all other requirements under the state's existing laws regarding firearms.

- **Florida's** magazine capacity law *allows* high-capacity magazines. It allows residents of the state to purchase and possess magazines with a capacity of more than 10 rounds, provided they are purchased from a licensed dealer and comply with all applicable laws. Therefore, individuals who own these magazines do not face potential criminal penalties for possession under this ruling.

Recently, the Florida House of Representatives considered a bill regulating assault weapons and large-capacity magazines and increasing penalties for crimes committed with such weapons, but it did not advance.

#### **Florida HB 279 - Assault Weapons and Large-capacity Magazines**

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**Assault Weapons and Large-capacity Magazines:** Prohibits sale, transfer, or possession of assault weapon or large-capacity magazine; requires certificates of possession for assault weapons or large-capacity magazines lawfully possessed before specified date; limits sales or transfers of assault weapons or large-capacity magazines documented by such certificates; provides enhanced penalties for offenses committed with assault weapon or large-capacity magazine.

**Effective Date:** October 1, 2024

**Last Event:** Died in Criminal Justice Subcommittee on Friday, March 8, 2024 2:25 PM

Source:

<https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=78857#:~:text=Assault%20Weapons%20and%20Large%2Dcapacity%20Magazines%3A%20Prohibits%20sale%2C%20transfer,assault%20weapons%20or%20large%2Dcapacity>

- **Illinois**
  - The Protect Illinois Communities Act, effective from Jan. 10, 2023, bans assault weapons (170 different models mostly based on design of the AR-15) and "large capacity" magazines, defining them as 15 or more rounds for pistols and 10 or more rounds for rifles. Any firearm modified with aftermarket accessories to achieve the same effect as the state's definition of "assault weapon" are banned, as well.
  - **Ownership Conditions:** Owners can keep large capacity magazines if they possessed them before the law's effective date without needing to file a disclosure.
  - **Disclosure Requirements:** The law requires disclosures for assault weapons and certain accessories but not for large capacity magazines.
  - **Enforcement and Penalties:** Local law enforcement and state police enforce the ban, with penalties ranging from misdemeanors to felonies for violations.

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