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Short Title: Prohibit Assault Weapons. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative A. Jones.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT SEMIAUTOMATIC ASSAULT WEAPONS AND LARGE
3 CAPACITY AMMUNITION FEEDING DEVICES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new Article
6 to read:

7 "Article 53D.

8 "Semiautomatic Assault Weapon and Large Capacity Ammunition Feeding Device Prohibition.

9 "§ 14-409.48. Definitions.

10 The following definitions apply in this Article:

11 (1) Large capacity ammunition feeding device. – A magazine, belt, drum, feed
12 strip, or similar device manufactured after the effective date of this Article that
13 has a capacity of, or that can be readily restored or converted to accept, more
14 than 10 rounds of ammunition. This term does not include an attached tubular
15 device designed to accept, and capable of operating only with, .22 caliber
16 rimfire ammunition.

17 (2) Semiautomatic assault weapon. – Means any of the following:

18 a. Any of the firearms, or copies or duplicates of the firearms in any
19 caliber, known as any of the following:

20 1. Norinco, Mitchell, and Poly Technologies Avtomat
21 Kalashnikovs, all models.

22 2. Action Arms Israeli Military Industries Uzi and Galil.

23 3. Beretta Ar70 (SC-70).

24 4. Colt AR-15.

25 5. Fabrique National FN/FAL, FN/LAR, and FNC.

26 6. SWD M-10, M-11, M-11/9, and M-12.

27 7. Steyr AUG.

28 8. INTRATEC TEC-9, TEC-DC9, and TEC-22.

29 9. Revolving cylinder shotguns, such as or similar to Street
30 Sweeper and Striker 12.

31 b. A semiautomatic rifle that has an ability to accept a detachable
32 magazine and has at least two of the following features:

33 1. A folding or telescoping stock.

34 2. A pistol grip that protrudes conspicuously beneath the action
35 of the weapon.

36 3. A bayonet mount.



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- 1 4. A flash suppressor or threaded barrel designed to
2 accommodate a flash suppressor.
- 3 5. A grenade launcher.
- 4 c. A semiautomatic pistol that has an ability to accept a detachable
5 magazine and has at least two of the following features:
- 6 1. An ammunition magazine that attaches to the pistol outside of
7 the pistol grip.
- 8 2. A threaded barrel capable of accepting a barrel extender, flash
9 suppresser, forward handgrip, or silencer.
- 10 3. A shroud that is attached to, or partially or completely
11 encircles, the barrel and that permits the shooter to hold the
12 firearm with the nontrigger hand without being burned.
- 13 4. A manufactured weight of 50 ounces or more when the pistol
14 is unloaded.
- 15 5. A semiautomatic version of an automatic firearm.
- 16 d. A semiautomatic shotgun that has at least two of the following
17 features:
- 18 1. A folding or telescopic stock.
- 19 2. A pistol grip that protrudes conspicuously beneath the action
20 of the weapon.
- 21 3. A fixed magazine capacity in excess of five rounds.
- 22 4. An ability to accept a detachable magazine.

23 **"§ 14-409.49. Semiautomatic assault weapons and large capacity ammunition feeding**
24 **devices prohibited; identification markings.**

25 (a) Prohibition. – Except as otherwise provided in this section, it is unlawful for a person
26 in this State to (i) manufacture, transfer, or possess a semiautomatic assault weapon or (ii) transfer
27 or possess a large capacity ammunition feeding device.

28 (b) Exceptions. – The prohibition in subsection (a) of this section does not apply to any
29 of the following:

- 30 (1) The possession or transfer of any semiautomatic assault weapon or large
31 capacity ammunition feeding device otherwise lawfully possessed on the
32 effective date of this Article.
- 33 (2) The manufacture of any semiautomatic assault weapon or large capacity
34 ammunition feeding device on or before the effective date of this Article.
- 35 (3) Any firearm that meets any of the following requirements:
- 36 a. Is manually operated by bolt, pump, lever, or slide action.
- 37 b. Has been rendered permanently inoperable.
- 38 c. Is an antique firearm.
- 39 (4) Any semiautomatic rifle that cannot accept a detachable magazine that holds
40 more than five rounds of ammunition.
- 41 (5) Any semiautomatic shotgun that cannot hold more than five rounds of
42 ammunition in a fixed or detachable magazine.
- 43 (6) The manufacture for, transfer to, or possession by the United States, a
44 department or agency of the United States or this State, a political subdivision
45 of this State, or a transfer to or possession by a law enforcement officer
46 employed by such an entity for purposes of law enforcement.
- 47 (7) The transfer to a licensee under Title I of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 for
48 purposes of establishing and maintaining an on-site physical protection
49 system and security organization required by federal law, or possession by an
50 employee or contractor of such licensee on-site for such purposes or off-site

- 1 for purposes of licensee-authorized training or transportation of nuclear
- 2 materials.
- 3 (8) The possession by an individual who is retired from service with a law
- 4 enforcement agency and is not otherwise prohibited from receiving a firearm
- 5 or ammunition of a semiautomatic assault weapon or large capacity
- 6 ammunition feeding device transferred to the individual by the agency upon
- 7 such retirement.
- 8 (9) The manufacture, transfer, or possession of a semiautomatic assault weapon
- 9 or large capacity ammunition feeding device by a licensed manufacturer or
- 10 licensed importer for the purposes of testing or experimentation authorized by
- 11 federal law.
- 12 (c) Identification Markings. – The serial number of any semiautomatic assault weapon
- 13 manufactured in this State after the effective date of this Article shall clearly show the date on
- 14 which the weapon was manufactured. A large capacity ammunition feeding device manufactured
- 15 in this State after the effective date of this Article shall be identified by a serial number that
- 16 clearly shows that the device was manufactured or imported after the effective date of this Article.
- 17 (d) Punishment. – A violation of this section is punishable as a Class E felony."
- 18 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2025, and applies to offenses
- 19 committed on or after that date.