HOUSE BILL 24-1292

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Concerning prohibitions on certain firearms used in public mass shootings.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://leg.colorado.gov.)

The bill defines the term "assault weapon" and prohibits a person from manufacturing, importing, purchasing, selling, offering to sell, or transferring ownership of an assault weapon. The bill further prohibits a person from possessing a rapid-fire trigger activator. A person in violation of the prohibitions will be assessed a first-time penalty of $250,000 and $500,000 for each subsequent violation.
The prohibition does not apply to:

- A member of the United States armed forces, a peace officer, or other government officer or agent, to the extent that the person is otherwise authorized to acquire or possess an assault weapon and does so while acting within the scope of the person's duties;
- The manufacture, sale, or transfer of an assault weapon by a licensed firearms manufacturer to any branch of the United States armed forces, or to an entity that employs peace officers, for use by that entity or its employees;
- The transfer of an assault weapon to a licensed firearms dealer or gunsmith for the purposes of maintenance, repair, or modification, and the subsequent return of the assault weapon to the lawful owner;
- Any federal, state, or local historical society, museum, or institutional collection that is open to the public, provided that the assault weapon is securely housed and unloaded;
- A forensic laboratory, or any authorized agent or employee of the laboratory, for use exclusively in the course and scope of authorized activities;
- An entity that operates an armored vehicle business and an authorized employee of the entity while in the course and scope of employment;
- A licensed gun dealer who has remaining inventory of assault weapons as of August 1, 2024, and sells or transfers the remaining inventory only to a non-Colorado resident and the sale or transfer takes place out of state; or
- A peace officer.

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1 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add part 6 to article 12 of title 18 as follows:

PART 6

ASSAULT WEAPONS

18-12-601. Legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly finds and declares that:

(a) Mass shootings are a significant component of the distinctly American epidemic of gun violence. Gun violence of
ALL TYPES ARE AN ONGOING AND GROWING THREAT TO THE PUBLIC
HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL COLORADANS.

(b) AS PREVENTABLE GUN DEATH FROM ALL TYPES CONTINUE TO
DEVASTATE FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES, IN THE FORM OF STATE
VIOLENCE, COMPLETED SUICIDES, INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE, AND
ACCIDENTAL DEATHS, ASSAULT WEAPONS REMAIN A PREEMINENT FACTOR
IN THE DEVASTATING CRISIS OF GUN FATALITIES;

(c) IN RECENT YEARS, AMERICANS HAVE ENDURED AN
UNFATHOMABLE AVERAGE OF MORE THAN ONE MASS SHOOTING PER DAY.
CONSISTENTLY, THE DEADLIEST MASS SHOOTING INCIDENTS IN THE
UNITED STATES INVOLVED THE USE OF ASSAULT WEAPONS OR
HIGH-CAPACITY MAGAZINES. SUCH INSTRUMENTS HAVE NO PLACE IN A
CIVILIZED SOCIETY.

(d) EVEN AS COLORADO HAS UNDERTAKEN CONCERTED COMMON
SENSE EFFORTS TO DECREASE GUN VIOLENCE, COLORADO HAS STILL BEEN
THE LOCATION OF SEVERAL MASS SHOOTINGS PERPETRATED WITH AN
ASSAULT WEAPON;

(e) WELL-KNOWN PLACES THAT SHOULD HAVE ONLY EVER BEEN
KNOWN AS SITES SAFE FOR JOY, LEARNING, COMMERCE, AND CARE ARE
INSTEAD FOREVER ASSOCIATED WITH TRAGEDY OF MASS SHOOTINGS
PERPETRATED BY WEAPONS WHICH SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE
FOR USE;

(f) COLORADO LOCATIONS THAT BECAME HOUSEHOLD NAMES
BECAUSE OF MASS SHOOTINGS INCLUDE COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL
(LITTLETON); CENTURY THEATER (AURORA); KING SOOPERS (BOULDER);
AND PLANNED PARENTHOOD, HALLOWEEN EVE, AND CLUB Q (ALL IN
COLORADO SPRINGS);
ASSAULT WEAPONS AND HIGH-CAPACITY MAGAZINES ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY USED IN PUBLIC MASS SHOOTINGS, AND THE REASONS ARE BOTH OBVIOUS AND IRREFUTABLE. ASSAULT WEAPONS ARE UNIQUELY LETHAL BY DESIGN. THEY ENTAIL TACTICAL FEATURES DESIGNED FOR WARFARE, REFINED TO MAXIMIZE KILLING LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY.

THE TACTICAL FEATURES ON ASSAULT WEAPONS ARE NOT MERELY COSMETIC, AND THEY ARE NOT MINOR. THEY DIFFERENTIATE ASSAULT WEAPONS FROM OTHER FIREARMS BY ALLOWING A SHOOTER TO BETTER CONCEAL WEAPONS, MAKE IT EASIER TO FIRE A HIGH VOLUME OF AMMUNITION IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME WHILE MAINTAINING ACCURACY, MAXIMIZING CATASTROPHIC INJURY, AND PROVIDING EASE OF USE FOR LESS THAN EXPERT USERS.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER FINDS THAT:

(a) ASSAULT WEAPONS ARE NOT SUITABLE FOR SELF DEFENSE AND ARE NOT WELL-SUITED FOR HUNTING, SPORTING, OR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN MASS KILLING;

(b) THE FIREARMS INDUSTRY HAS SPECIFICALLY MARKETED ASSAULT WEAPONS AS TACTICAL, HYPER MASCUINE, AND MILITARY STYLE IN A MANNER THAT OVERTLY APPEALS TO THE VERY PEOPLE MOST LIKELY TO ACQUIRE SUCH WEAPONS AS A MEANS TO GAIN INFAMY AS A MASS SHOOTER;

(c) IT IS CRITICAL TO LIMIT THE PROSPECTIVE SALE OF ASSAULT WEAPONS AND ACCESSORIES, WHILE PERMITTING EXISTING LEGAL OWNERS TO RETAIN THE ASSAULT WEAPONS THEY CURRENTLY OWN;

(d) JUST AS THE DESIGN OF ASSAULT WEAPONS MAXIMIZES THEIR LETHALITY, POLICY DESIGNED TO INTERRUPT THE PROLIFERATION OF
These weapons has been shown to be just as successful in decreasing deaths;

(e) Banning assault weapons leads to a drop in mass shootings and gun massacres. In the ten years that assault weapons were limited by a federal ban, gun massacres dropped drastically, by at least thirty-seven percent. Conversely, after the federal assault weapon ban expired in 2004, gun massacres skyrocketed by approximately one hundred and eighty-three percent.

(f) Federal prohibitions are not alone in curtailing mass shootings. Indeed, state prohibitions of assault weapons are associated with a lower likelihood of a mass shooting event, lower likelihood of death due to a mass shooting event, and lower gun death rates overall.

(3) Therefore, the general assembly determines that a ban on knowingly manufacturing, importing, purchasing, selling, offering to sell, or transferring ownership of an assault weapon, causing the manufacture, importation, purchase, sale, offer to sell, or transfer of ownership of assault weapons in Colorado is in the best interests of the citizens and guests of our great state.

18-12-602. Definitions. As used in this part 6, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "50 caliber rifle" means a center fire rifle capable of firing a .50 caliber cartridge. The term does not include any antique firearm, any shotgun, including a shotgun that has a rifle barrel, or any muzzle-loader that uses black powder for
HUNTING OR HISTORICAL REENACTMENTS.

(2) (a) "ASSAULT WEAPON", EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION
(2)(b) OF THIS SECTION, MEANS:

(I) A SEMIAUTOMATIC RIFLE THAT HAS THE CAPACITY TO ACCEPT
A DETACHABLE MAGAZINE, OR THAT MAY BE READILY MODIFIED TO
ACCEPT A DETACHABLE MAGAZINE, AND HAS ONE OR MORE OF THE
FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) A PISTOL GRIP OR THUMBHOLE STOCK;

(B) ANY FEATURE CAPABLE OF FUNCTIONING AS A PROTRUDING
GRIP THAT CAN BE HELD BY THE NON-TRIGGER HAND;

(C) A FOLDING, TELESCOPING, OR DETACHABLE STOCK THAT IS
OTHERWISE FOLDABLE OR ADJUSTABLE IN A MANNER THAT OPERATES TO
REDUCE THE LENGTH, SIZE, OR ANY OTHER DIMENSION, OR OTHERWISE
ENHANCES THE ABILITY TO CONCEAL THE WEAPON;

(D) A MUZZLE BRAKE;

(E) A FUNCTIONAL GRENADE LAUNCHER OR FLARE LAUNCHER;

(F) A SHROUD ATTACHED TO THE BARREL, OR THAT PARTIALLY OR
COMPLETELY ENCIRCLES THE BARREL, ALLOWING THE BEARER TO HOLD
THE FIREARM WITH THE NON-TRIGGER HAND WITHOUT BEING BURNED, BUT
EXCLUDING A SLIDE THAT ENCLOSURES THE BARREL; OR

(G) A THREADED BARREL;

(II) ALL OF THE FOLLOWING RIFLES, COPIES, DUPLICATES,
VARIANTS, OR ALTERED FACSIMILES WITH THE CAPABILITY OF ANY SUCH
WEAPON:

(A) ALL AK TYPES, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING: AK, AK47,
AK47S, AK-74, AKM, AKS, ARM, MAK90, MISR, NHM90, NHM91,
SA85, SA93, VECTOR ARMS AK-47, VEPR, WASR-10, AND WUM;
IZHMASH SAIGA AK; MAADI AK47 AND ARM; NORINCO 56S, 56S2, 84S, AND 86S; POLY TECHNOLOGIES AK47 AND AKS; AND SKS WITH A DETACHABLE MAGAZINE;

(B) ALL AR TYPES, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING: AR-10; AR-15;
ALEXANDER ARMS OVERMATCH PLUS 16; ARMALITE M15-22 CARBINE;
ARMALITE M15-T; BARRETT REC7; BERETTA AR-70; BLACK RAIN ORDNANCE RECON SCOUT; BUSHMASTER ACR; BUSHMASTER CARBON 15; BUSHMASTER MOE SERIES; BUSHMASTER XM15; CHIAPPA FIREARMS MFOUR RIFLES; COLT MATCH TARGET RIFLES; CORE RIFLE SYSTEMS CORE 15 RIFLES; DANIEL DEFENSE M4A1 RIFLES; DEVIL DOG ARMS 15 SERIES RIFLES; DIAMONDBACK DB15 RIFLES; DOUBLESTAR AR RIFLES;
DPMS TACTICAL RIFLES; DSA INC. ZM-4 CARBINE; HECKLER & KOCH MR556; HIGH STANDARD HSA-15 RIFLES; JESSE JAMES NOMAD AR-15 RIFLE; KNIGHT’S ARMAMENT SR-15; LANCER L15 RIFLES; MGI HYDRA SERIES RIFLES; MOSSBERG MMR TACTICAL RIFLES; NOREEN FIREARMS BN36 RIFLE; OLYMPIC ARMS RIFLES; POOF USA P415; PRECISION FIREARMS AR RIFLES; REMINGTON R-15 RIFLES; RHINO ARMS AR RIFLES;
ROCK RIVER ARMS LAR-15 OR LAR-47; SIG SAUER SIG516, M400, AND SIG716 RIFLES; SMITH & WESSON M&P15 RIFLES; STAG ARMS AR RIFLES; STURM, RUGER & CO. SR-556 AND AR-556 RIFLES; USELTON ARMS AIR-LITE M-4 RIFLES; WINDHAM WEAPONRY AR RIFLES; WMD GUNS BIG BEAST; YANKEE HILL MACHINE COMPANY, INC. YHM-15 RIFLES; BARRETT M107A1; BARRETT M82A1; BERETTA CX4 STORM;
CALICO LIBERTY SERIES; CETME SPORTER; DAEWOO K-1, K-2, MAX 1, MAX 2, AR 100, AND AR 110C; FABRIQUE NATIONALE OR FN HERSTAL FAL, LAR, FNC, 308 MATCH, L1A1 SPORTER, PS90, SCAR, AND FS2000; FEATHER INDUSTRIES AT-9; GALIL AR AND ARM; HI-POINT
CARBINE; HK-91, HK-93, HK-94, HK-PSG1, AND HK USC; IWI TAVOR
AND GALIL ACE RIFLE; KELTec SUB-2000, SU-16, RFB, AND RDB; SIG
AMT, SIG PE-57, SIG SAUER SG 550, SIG SAUER SG 551, AND SIG
MCX; SPRINGFIELD ARMORY SAR-48; STEYR AUG; STURM, RUGER &
Co. MINI-14 TACTICAL RIFLE M-14/20CF;

(C)  ALL THOMPSON RIFLES, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:
THOMPSON M1SB, THOMPSON T1100D, THOMPSON T150D, THOMPSON
T1B, THOMPSON T1B100D, THOMPSON T1B50D, THOMPSON T1BSB,
THOMPSON T1-C, THOMPSON T1D, THOMPSON T1SB, THOMPSON T5,
THOMPSON T5100D, THOMPSON TM1, AND THOMPSON TM1C; AND

(D)  OTHER RIFLE MODELS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE
FOLLOWING: UMAREX UZI RIFLE; UZI MINI CARBINE, UZI MODEL A
CARBINE, AND UZI MODEL B CARBINE; VALMET M62S, M71S, AND M78;
VECTOR ARMS UZI TYPE; WEAVER ARMS NIGHTHAWK; WILKINSON ARMS
LINDA CARBINE; AND CZ SCORPION RIFLE AND CZ BREN RIFLE;

(III) A SEMIAUTOMATIC RIFLE THAT HAS A FIXED LARGE-CAPACITY
MAGAZINE, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 18-12-302;

(IV) A .50 CALIBER RIFLE;

(V)  A SEMIAUTOMATIC PISTOL THAT HAS THE CAPACITY TO
ACCEPT A DETACHABLE MAGAZINE, OR THAT MAY BE READILY MODIFIED
TO ACCEPT A DETACHABLE MAGAZINE, IF THE SEMIAUTOMATIC PISTOL HAS
ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING FEATURES:

(A)  A THREADED BARREL;

(B)  A SECOND PISTOL GRIP OR ADDITIONAL FEATURE CAPABLE OF
FUNCTIONING AS A PROTRUDING GRIP THAT CAN BE HELD BY THE
NON-TRIGGER HAND;

(C)  A SHROUD THAT IS ATTACHED TO THE BARREL, OR THAT
PARTIALLY OR COMPLETELY ENCIRCLES THE BARREL, ALLOWING THE
BEARER TO HOLD THE FIREARM WITH THE NON-TRIGGER HAND WITHOUT
BEING BURNED, BUT EXCLUDING A SLIDE THAT ENCLOSES THE BARREL;

(D) A MUZZLE BRAKE;

(E) THE CAPACITY TO ACCEPT A DETACHABLE
AMMUNITION-FEEDING DEVICE AT SOME LOCATION OUTSIDE OF THE PISTOL
GRIP; OR

(F) A BUFFER TUBE, ARM BRACE, OR OTHER PART THAT PROTRUDES
HORIZONTALLY BEHIND THE PISTOL GRIP;

(VI) ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PISTOLS, COPIES, DUPLICATES,
VARIANTS, OR ALTERED FACSIMILES WITH THE CAPABILITY OF THE
FOLLOWING PISTOLS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

(A) ALL AK TYPES, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING: CENTURION 39
AK PISTOL, CZ SCORPION PISTOL, DRACO AK-47 PISTOL, HCR AK-47
PISTOL, IO INC. HELL PUP AK-47 PISTOL, KRINKOV PISTOL, MINI DRACO
AK-47 PISTOL, PAP M92 PISTOL, AND YUGO KREBS KRINK PISTOL;

(B) ALL AR TYPES, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING: AMERICAN SPIRIT
AR-15 PISTOL; BUSHMASTER CARBON 15 PISTOL; CHIAPPA FIREARMS M4
PISTOL GEN II; CORE RIFLE SYSTEMS ROSCOE PISTOL; DANIEL DEFENSE
MK18 PISTOL; DOUBLESTAR CORPORATION AR PISTOL; DPMS AR-15
PISTOL; JESSE JAMES NOMAD AR-15 PISTOL; OLYMPIC ARMS AR-15
PISTOL; POF USA AR PISTOLS; ROCK RIVER ARMS LAR 15 PISTOL; AND
USELTON ARMS AIR LITE M-4 PISTOL;

(C) OTHER PISTOL MODELS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,
CALICO PISTOLS; DSA SA58 PKP FAL PISTOL; ENCOM MP-9 AND MP-45;
HECKLER & KOCH SP-89 PISTOL; INTRATEC AB-10, TEC-22 SCORPION,
TEC-9, AND TEC-DC9; IWI GALIL ACE PISTOL AND UZI PRO PISTOL;
(D) All Thompson types, including, but not limited to, Thompson TA5160D and Thompson TA5;

(E) All MAC types, including, but not limited to: MAC-10, MAC-11; MasterPiece Arms MPA A930 MiniPistol, MPA460 Pistol, MPA Tactical Pistol, and MPA Mini Tactical Pistol; Military Armament Corp. Ingram M-11; and Velocity Firearms VMAC; and

(F) All UZI-types, including, but not limited to, Micro-UZI;

(VII) A semiautomatic pistol that has a fixed large-capacity magazine, as described in Section 18-12-302;

(VIII) A shotgun with a revolving cylinder;

(IX) A semiautomatic shotgun that has one or more of the following features:

(A) A pistol grip;

(B) Any feature capable of functioning as a protruding grip that can be held by the non-trigger hand;

(C) A folding, telescoping, or thumbhole stock;

(D) A functional grenade launcher or flare launcher;

(E) A fixed large-capacity magazine, as defined in Section 18-12-301; or

(F) The capacity to accept a detachable magazine;

(X) All of the following shotguns, copies, duplicates, variants, or altered facsimiles with the capability of the following shotguns:

(A) Derya MK-12; Doruk Lethal Shotguns; Franchi Law-12 and SPAS-12; Street Sweeper; and Striker 12; or

(B) All Izhmash Saiga 12 types, including, but not limited
TO, THE FOLLOWING: IZHMASH SAIGA 12; IZHMASH SAIGA 12S; IZHMASH
SAIGA 12S EXP-01; IZHMASH SAIGA 12K; IZHMASH SAIGA 12K-030; AND
IZHMASH SAIGA 12K-040 TAKTIKA;

(XI) A SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM THAT HAS THE CAPACITY TO
ACCEPT A BELT AMMUNITION FEEDING DEVICE;

(XII) A SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM THAT HAS BEEN MODIFIED TO BE
OPERABLE AS AN ASSAULT WEAPON AS DEFINED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2);

OR

(XIII) ANY PART OR COMBINATION OF PARTS DESIGNED OR
INTENDED TO CONVERT A FIREARM INTO AN ASSAULT WEAPON AS DEFINED
IN THIS SUBSECTION (2).

(b) "ASSAULT WEAPON" DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY FIREARM THAT
HAS BEEN MADE PERMANENTLY INOPERABLE; AN ANTIQUE FIREARM
MANUFACTURED BEFORE 1899; A REPLICA OF AN ANTIQUE FIREARM; A
FIREARM THAT IS MANUALLY OPERATED BY BOLT, PUMP, LEVER, SLIDE
ACTION, UNLESS THE FIREARM IS A SHOTGUN WITH A REVOLVING
CYLINDER; OR A FIREARM THAT CAN ONLY FIRE RIMFIRE AMMUNITION.

(3) "DETACHABLE MAGAZINE" MEANS AN AMMUNITION-FEEDING
DEVICE THAT MAY BE REMOVED FROM A FIREARM WITHOUT DISASSEMBLY
OF THE FIREARM ACTION, INCLUDING AN AMMUNITION-FEEDING DEVICE
THAT MAY BE READILY REMOVED FROM A FIREARM WITH THE USE OF A
BULLET, CARTRIDGE, ACCESSORY, OR OTHER TOOL, OR ANY OTHER OBJECT
THAT FUNCTIONS AS A TOOL.

(4) "FIREARM" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN SECTION
18-1-901.

(5) "FIXED MAGAZINE" MEANS AN AMMUNITION-FEEDING DEVICE
THAT IS PERMANENTLY ATTACHED TO A FIREARM, OR CONTAINED IN AND
NOT REMOVABLE FROM A FIREARM, OR THAT IS OTHERWISE NOT A DETACHABLE MAGAZINE. "FIXED MAGAZINE" DOES NOT INCLUDE AN ATTACHED TUBULAR DEVICE DESIGNED TO ACCEPT, AND CAPABLE OF OPERATING ONLY WITH .22 CALIBER RIMFIRE AMMUNITION.

(6) "GUN SHOW VENDOR" MEANS ANY PERSON WHO EXHIBITS, SELLS, OFFERS FOR SALE, TRANSFERS, OR EXCHANGES ANY FIREARM, INCLUDING AN ASSAULT WEAPON, AT A GUN SHOW, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE PERSON ARRANGES WITH A GUN SHOW PROMOTER FOR A FIXED LOCATION FROM WHICH TO EXHIBIT, SELL, OFFER FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR EXCHANGE ANY FIREARM, INCLUDING AN ASSAULT WEAPON.

(7) "LICENSED GUN DEALER" OR "LICENSED FIREARMS DEALER" MEANS ANY PERSON WHO IS A LICENSED IMPORTER, LICENSED MANUFACTURER, OR DEALER WHO IS LICENSED PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SEC. 923, AS AMENDED, AS A FEDERALLY LICENSED FIREARMS DEALER.

(8) "PEACE OFFICER" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 16-2.5-101.

(9) "RAPID-FIRE TRIGGER ACTIVATOR" MEANS:

(a) ANY MANUAL, POWER-DRIVEN, OR ELECTRONIC DEVICE THAT IS DESIGNED AND FUNCTIONS TO INCREASE THE RATE OF FIRE OF A SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM WHEN THE DEVICE IS ATTACHED TO THE FIREARM;

(b) ANY PART OF A SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM OR COMBINATION OF PARTS THAT IS DESIGNED AND FUNCTIONS TO INCREASE THE RATE OF FIRE OF A SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM BY ELIMINATING THE NEED FOR THE OPERATOR OF THE FIREARM TO MAKE A SEPARATE MOVEMENT FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL FUNCTION OF THE TRIGGER; OR

(c) ANY OTHER DEVICE, PART, OR COMBINATION OF PARTS THAT IS
DESIGNED AND FUNCTIONS TO SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE THE RATE OF
FIRE OF A SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM ABOVE THE STANDARD RATE OF FIRE
FOR A SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM THAT IS NOT EQUIPPED WITH THAT
DEVICE, PART, OR COMBINATION OF PARTS.

18-12-603. Manufacture, import, purchase, sale, offer to sell,
and transfer of ownership of assault weapons prohibited -
exemptions - penalties. (1) Except as otherwise provided in
subsections (2) and (3) of this section, a person shall not
knowingly manufacture, import, purchase, sell, offer to sell, or
transfer ownership of, or knowingly cause the manufacture,
importation, purchase, sale, offer of sale, or transfer of
ownership of, an assault weapon.

(2) The prohibition described in this section does not apply
to:

(a) A person who is an active member of the United States
armed forces while on duty and serving in conformance with the
policies of the United States armed forces;

(b) The manufacture, sale, or transfer of an assault
weapon by a licensed firearms manufacturer to a peace officer,
or to an entity that employs peace officers; and

(c) The manufacture, sale, or transfer of rapid-fire
trigger activators by a licensed firearms manufacturer to a
peace officer, or to an entity that employs peace officers;

(d) The manufacture, sale, or transfer of an assault
weapon by a licensed firearms manufacturer to any branch of
the United States armed forces;

(e) The transfer of an assault weapon to a licensed
FIREARMS DEALER FOR TEMPORARY STORAGE OR PERMANENT DISPOSAL, OR TO A GUNSMITH FOR THE PURPOSES OF MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, MODIFICATION, AND THE SUBSEQUENT RETURN OF THE ASSAULT WEAPON TO THE LAWFUL OWNER, PROVIDED THE LAWFUL OWNER IS NOT OTHERWISE PROHIBITED BY STATUTE;

(f) Any federal, state, or local historical society, museum, or institutional collection that is open to the public, provided that the assault weapon is securely housed and unloaded;

(g) A forensic laboratory, or any authorized agent or employee of the laboratory, for use exclusively in the course and scope of authorized activities;

(h) An entity that operates an armored vehicle business and an authorized employee of the entity while in the course and scope of employment;

(i) A licensed gun dealer who has remaining inventory of assault weapons on or after August 1, 2024, and sells or transfers the remaining inventory only to a non-Colorado resident and the sale or transfer takes place out of state. A sale or transfer of inventory remaining on or after August 1, 2024, to a Colorado resident or in this state is a violation of this section.

(j) A peace officer; and

(k) An entity that employs peace officers for use by that entity or its employees.

(3) An assault weapon shall not be sold or transferred by an individual on or after July 1, 2024, to anyone within the state,
EXCEPT TO:

(a) An heir by bequest or intestate succession; or

(b) A licensed gun or firearms dealer, who shall render

the weapon inoperable within ninety days of the transfer.

(4) (a) An individual or entity that does not have a permit

to sell firearms but sells or attempts to make a private sale of

an assault weapon in violation of subsection (1) of this section

on or after July 1, 2025, shall be assessed a civil penalty in the

amount of seven hundred and fifty dollars.

(b) A licensed gun dealer, licensed firearms dealer, gun

show vendor, or other person that has a permit to sell firearms

who sells or attempts to sell an assault weapon in violation of

subsection (1) of this section on or after July 1, 2025, shall be

reported to the department of revenue. The department of

revenue shall take appropriate actions as required by law.

(c) A licensed gun dealer, licensed firearms dealer, gun

show vendor, or other person that has a permit to sell firearms

that purchases an assault weapon from a manufacturer of

assault weapons that operates in Colorado shall be reported to

the department of revenue. The department of revenue shall

take appropriate actions as required by law.

18-12-604. Possession of rapid-fire trigger activators

prohibited - exemptions - penalties. (1) Except as otherwise

provided in subsection (2) of this section, a person shall not

knowingly possess a rapid-fire trigger activator.

(2) The prohibition described in this section does not apply

to:
(a) A member of the United States armed forces, to the extent that the person is otherwise authorized to acquire an rapid-fire trigger activator and does so while acting within the scope of the person's duties;

(b) The manufacture, sale, or transfer of rapid-fire trigger activators by a licensed firearms manufacturer to any branch of the United States armed forces;

(c) A forensic laboratory, or any authorized agent or employee of the laboratory, for use exclusively in the course and scope of authorized activities;

(d) A licensed gun dealer who has remaining inventory of rapid-fire trigger activators on or after August 1, 2024, and sells or transfers the remaining inventory only to a non-Colorado resident and the sale or transfer takes place out of state. A sale or transfer of inventory remaining on or after August 1, 2024, to a Colorado resident or in this state is a violation of this section.

(e) A peace officer; and

(f) An entity that employs peace officers for use by that entity or its employees.

(3) (a) An individual or entity that does not have a permit to sell firearms but sells or attempts to make a private sale of a rapid-fire trigger activator in violation of subsection (1) of this section on or after July 1, 2025, shall be assessed a civil penalty in the amount of seven hundred and fifty dollars.

(b) A licensed gun dealer, licensed firearms dealer, gun show vendor, or other person that has a permit to sell firearms
WHO Sells or attempts to sell a rapid-fire trigger activator in violation of subsection (1) of this section on or after July 1, 2025, shall be reported to the department of revenue. The department of revenue shall take actions as required by law.

(c) A licensed gun dealer, licensed firearms dealer, gun show vendor, or other person that has a permit to sell firearms that purchases a rapid-fire trigger activator from a manufacturer of rapid-fire trigger activators that operates in Colorado shall be reported to the department of revenue. The department of revenue shall take actions as required by law.

18-12-605. Interstate transportation of assault weapons. This part 6 does not apply to the transportation of assault weapons through the state by a person who is not otherwise prohibited by state or federal law from transporting, shipping, or receiving a firearm. A person is entitled to transport an assault weapon for any lawful purpose from any place where the person may lawfully possess and carry the assault weapon to any other place where the person may lawfully possess and carry the assault weapon, provided that the assault weapon is transported in accordance with the federal requirements set forth in 18 U.S.C. sec 926(a).

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-108.7, amend (3) as follows:

18-12-108.7. Unlawfully providing or permitting a juvenile to possess a handgun - penalty - unlawfully providing a firearm other than a handgun to a juvenile - penalty. (3) With regard to firearms
other than handguns, no INCLUDING ASSAULT WEAPONS, AS DEFINED IN
SECTION 18-12-602, A person shall NOT sell, rent, or transfer ownership
or allow unsupervised possession of a firearm, INCLUDING AN ASSAULT
WEAPON AS PROHIBITED PURSUANT TO PART 6 OF THIS ARTICLE 12, with
or without remuneration to any juvenile without the consent of the
juvenile's parent or legal guardian. Unlawfully providing a firearm,
INCLUDING AN ASSAULT WEAPON, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 18-12-602, other
than a handgun to a juvenile in violation of this subsection (3) is a class
1 misdemeanor.

SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly finds,
determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
institutions.