

RESOLUTION

Subject: Research Into a Multifaceted Approach to Gun Control
 Submitted by: Greater Louisville Medical Society
 Referred to: Reference Committee

WHEREAS, there are more gun suicides than gun homicides in the United States; and

WHEREAS, gun laws focus on the user with very few laws focusing on the design, manufacture, distribution, advertising, sale of firearms, and ammunition; and

WHEREAS, changing the design of new guns to “smart guns” that can only be fired by an authorized user, currently being sold in Western European nations; and

WHEREAS, banning assault weapons or guns with large-capacity ammunition feeding devices as these account for majority of mass shootings; and

WHEREAS, if guns with large-capacity ammunition feeding devices are bought, to require their owners to purchase insurance in case that weapon is ultimately used to kill another human being, protecting tax payers’ dollars; and

WHEREAS, studying from which gun companies the majority of guns used in crimes are bought; and

WHEREAS, there has been significant increase in marketing in gun magazines and online, playing on people’s fears of crime as well as attracting young men enamored with military fantasies, that has significantly increased gun sales; and

WHEREAS, individuals are allowed to purchase any number of guns, even hundreds; and

WHEREAS, mental illness may not often be reported to the FBI background check system; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that KMA support local and state funding for research by the research institutions in the Commonwealth of Kentucky into a multifaceted approach to gun control; and be it further

RESOLVED, that persons planning to purchase large-capacity ammunition feeding devices be required to show proof of liability insurance prior to possession of the device.

References:

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