

RESOLUTION

Subject: Gun Violence Prevention – Banning Large Capacity Weapons and Ammunitions Magazines

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Referred to: Reference Committee

WHEREAS, assault weapons and high-capacity magazines are commonplace in mass shootings making shootings more lethal; and

WHEREAS, 155% more people are shot where assault weapons and high capacity magazines are used; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky is 15th highest state for deaths from firearms; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky is 3rd out of 51 U.S. jurisdictions that are found to be the source of weapons for interstate gun trafficking; and

WHEREAS, in Kentucky, civilians are allowed to possess assault weapons, 0.50 caliber rifles and large capacity ammunition and magazines; and

WHEREAS, in Kentucky, private possession of semi-automatic assault weapons and handguns (pistols and revolvers) is permitted without a license; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that KMA supports legislation that Kentucky ban large capacity weapons and large capacity ammunitions magazines; and be it further

RESOLVED, that KMA supports legislation that requires a license for possession of semi-automatic assault-type weapons (for example, AK-47 and AR-15 rifles).

References:

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