

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 resolutions 18-21 be combined for review by a task force to be appointed by the Board. The task force will review the medical literature and report evidence-based recommendations for public policy actions to reduce injury and death due to firearms. The recommendations of the task force will be reported to the House of Delegates no later than the 2023 annual meeting.

References:

<http://www.apa.org/pubs/info/reports/gun-violence-prevention.aspx>

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