

By Senator Forman

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to weapons and firearms;  
3           prohibiting the manufacture, importation,  
4           distribution, sale, or possession of any  
5           military-style weapon; defining the term  
6           "military-style weapon"; providing a penalty;  
7           providing an effective date.

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9   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11           Section 1. Manufacture, sale, or possession of  
12 military-style weapon prohibited; penalty.--

13           (1) A person may not manufacture, import into this  
14 state, distribute, sell, offer for sale, give, lend, or  
15 possess any military-style weapon.

16           (2) As used in this section, the term "military-style  
17 weapon" means:

18           (a) A semiautomatic, centerfire rifle that has the  
19 capacity to accept a detachable magazine and any one of the  
20 following:

21           1. A pistol grip that protrudes conspicuously beneath  
22 the action of the weapon.

23           2. A thumbhole stock.

24           3. A second handgrip.

25           4. A folding or telescoping stock.

26           5. A grenade launcher or flare launcher.

27           6. A threaded barrel capable of accepting a flash  
28 suppressor, forward handgrip, or silencer.

29           7. A flash suppressor.

30           (b) A semiautomatic, centerfire rifle that has a fixed  
31 magazine with the capacity to accept more than 10 rounds.

1           (c) A semiautomatic, centerfire rifle that has an  
2 overall length of less than 30 inches.

3           (d) A semiautomatic pistol that has the capacity to  
4 accept a detachable magazine and any of the following:

5                 1. A threaded barrel.

6                 2. A second vertical handgrip.

7                 3. A shroud that is attached to, or partially or  
8 completely encircles, the barrel and that allows the bearer to  
9 fire the weapon without burning his or her hand, except a  
10 slide that encloses the barrel.

11                 4. The capacity to accept a detachable magazine  
12 outside the pistol grip.

13           (e) A semiautomatic pistol having a fixed magazine  
14 that has the capacity to accept more than 10 rounds.

15           (f) A semiautomatic shotgun that has:

16                 1. A folding or telescoping stock; and

17                 2. A pistol grip that protrudes conspicuously beneath  
18 the action of the weapon, thumbhole stock, or vertical  
19 handgrip.

20           (g) A semiautomatic shotgun that can accept a  
21 detachable magazine.

22           (h) Any shotgun that has a revolving cylinder.

23           (3) Any person who violates this section commits a  
24 felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in section  
25 775.082, section 775.083, or section 775.084, Florida  
26 Statutes.

27           Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Provides that it is a third-degree felony to manufacture, import, sell, or possess a military-style weapon. Defines the term "military-style weapon" to include semiautomatic rifles and pistols that accept detachable magazines and have certain other characteristics and certain semiautomatic shotguns.