

HB 8 -- FIREARMS

SPONSOR: Washington

This bill prohibits any person, corporation, or other entity in the State of Missouri from manufacturing, importing, possessing, purchasing, selling, or transferring any assault weapon or large capacity magazine. The bill provides specific definitions for "assault weapon", which may include specified types of semi-automatic rifles, pistols, and shotguns, and defines "large capacity magazines" as those accepting more than 10 rounds of ammunition with certain exceptions.

The bill does not apply to government officers, agents, or employees; members of the Armed Forces of the United States; or peace officers, to the extent that such person is otherwise authorized to acquire or possess an assault weapon or large capacity magazine, and does so while acting within the scope of his or her duties. The manufacture of an assault weapon or large capacity ammunition feeding device by a firearms manufacturer for the purpose of sale to any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States or to a law enforcement agency in the State of Missouri for use by that agency or its employees is authorized, provided the manufacturer is properly licensed under federal and state laws. The sale or transfer of an assault weapon or large capacity ammunition feeding device by a dealer that is properly licensed under federal, state, and local laws to any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States or to a law enforcement agency in the State of Missouri for use by that agency or its employees for law enforcement purposes is also exempt. The bill also exempts any person who, prior to the effective date of this section, was legally in possession of an assault weapon or a large capacity magazine.

The unlawful manufacture, import, possession, purchase, sale, or transfer of an assault weapon or a large capacity magazine is a class C felony.

This bill is similar to HB 1533 (2020).