

The State of Gun Safety & Violence Prevention in America, 2013

Summary of New Jersey Gun Control Legislation

- The New Jersey Assembly Committee on Law and Public Safety has recently approved 24 bills to strengthen gun controls. This group of bills includes legislation that will:
 - Require background checks for private gun sales (No. 215-A-3748);
 - Require proof of firearms training to purchase a gun (No. 215-A-3510);
 - Establish a 180 day prohibition on purchase of handguns for individuals who fail to report loss or theft of firearm (No. 215-A-1116);
 - Establish an education security task force (No. 215-A-1613);
 - Expand the definition of “destructive device” to include weapons of 50 caliber or greater (No. 215-A-3659);
 - Permit schools, public facilities and day care centers to establish gun-free zones (No. 215-A-1387);
 - Require the seizure of firearms from people considered a threat to themselves or others (No. 215-A-3754);
 - Ban magazines of ammunition with more than 10 rounds (No. 215-A-1329);
 - Ban body armor penetrating ammunition (No. 215-A-588);
 - Prohibit state investment of pension and annuity funds in companies manufacturing and selling assault firearms for civilian use (No. 215-A-3668);
 - Disqualify individuals on the federal Terrorist Watchlist from obtaining firearms identification permits to purchase handguns (No. 215-A-3687);
 - Abolish public right of access to firearms records (No. 215-A-3788);
 - Provide a 90-day window for people to dispose of unlawfully possessed firearms (No. 215-A-3796);
 - Require submission of certain mental health records to NICS (No. 215-A-3717);
 - Establish a regulatory system to govern the sale and transfer of ammunition (No. 215-A-3645/3646/3750);
 - Require law enforcement to report firearms information and trace data (No. 215-A-3797);
 - Require sales of ammunition to occur in person (No. 215-A-3666); and
 - Strengthen the requirements for firearms licenses (No. 215-A-3772).

The relevant legislation is available at

http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/media/comm_info.asp?H=ALP&D=2/13/2013!10:00:00!AM&T=M&S=0&F=0

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Resources for Additional Information

- FBI National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) 2012 Operations Report, *available at* <http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/nics/reports/2012-operations-report>
- Fatal Gaps: How Missing Records in the Federal Background Check System Put Guns in the Hands of Killers, Mayors Against Illegal Guns (November 2011), *available at* http://www.mayorsagainstillegalsguns.org/downloads/pdf/maig_mimeo_revb.pdf
- A Blueprint for Federal Action on Illegal Guns: Regulation, Enforcement, and Best Practices to Combat Illegal Gun Trafficking, Mayors Against Illegal Guns (August 2009), *available at* http://www.mayorsagainstillegalsguns.org/downloads/pdf/blueprint_federal_action.pdf
- Adam Winkler, *The Secret History of Guns*, THE ATLANTIC, July 24, 2011, <http://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2011/09/the-secret-history-of-guns/308608/>.
- Adam Winkler, *Gunfight: The Battle over the Right to Bear Arms in America* (2011).
- Paul Barrett, *Glock: The Rise of America's Gun* (2013).

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