

2018 AG REQUEST LEGISLATION LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES



PROBLEM

High Capacity Magazines¹ have facilitated some of the worst mass murders ever committed in the United States.

High Capacity Magazines allow an active shooter to rapidly fire multiple rounds without having to reload, exponentially increasing lethality.

In July 2016, a 19-year-old used a 30-round magazine to kill three teenagers and seriously wound another at a house in Mukilteo. Less than two months later, a 20-year-old used a 30-round magazine to kill five people at a mall in Burlington. Victims ranged in age from 16 to 95.

In contrast, in June 2014, the shooter at Seattle Pacific University—who used a shotgun—took only one life. As this shooter attempted to reload, a bystander seized the moment to tackle and subdue the shooter.² In our unfortunate reality of mass shootings, **the necessity to reload saves lives.**

BACKGROUND

On average, only 2.2 shots are fired during self-defense. Statistics show that in acts of self-defense, it is extremely rare for more than 10 rounds to be fired. In contrast, nearly every mass shooting that shocked the national consciousness in the past decade involved the use of high-capacity magazines:

Location	Mag. Capacity	Shots Fired	Killed	Wounded
Las Vegas, NV (2017)	multiple ³	multiple ⁴	58	500+
Orlando, FL (2016)	30	multiple ⁵	49	NA
Sandy Hook (2012)	30	154	28 (+shooter)	NA
Oak Creek (2012)	19	NA	7 (+shooter)	3
Aurora, CO (2012)	100	80	12	70
Grand Rapids, MI (2011)	30	NA	7	2
Tucson, AZ (2011)	33/15	33	6	13
Manchester, CT (2010)	17	11	9 (+shooter)	NA
Binghamton, NY (2009)	30/15	99	14 (+shooter)	4
Fort Hood (2009)	30/20	214	13	32
N. Illinois Univ. (2008)	33/15	54	5	21
Westroads Mall (2007)	30	14	9 (+shooter)	5
Virginia Tech (2007)	15	176	32	17

LEGISLATION (SB 6049 / HB 2422)

This Legislation prohibits the sale, manufacture, and transfer of ammunition magazines that hold over 10 rounds. The bill also requires the safe and secure storage of magazines grandfathered in, specifically those owned prior to the bill's effective date.



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1. High Capacity Magazine is defined in this bill as more than 10-rounds
2. <http://www.motherjones.com/politics/2012/07/mass-shootings-map/>
3. Police discovered multiple high capacity magazines in addition to a cache of over 40 firearms.
4. Sources claim 9-11 minutes of consistent, rapid gunfire.
5. In a video taken by a bystander at the Orlando shooting, more than 20 rounds fired in rapid succession.