



Colorado Faith Communities  
**United to End Gun Violence**

## **Rapid Response Network Alert**

**SB25-003:**

### **Semiautomatic Firearms & Rapid-Fire Devices**

Co-Sponsors: Senators Tom Sullivan and Julie Gonzalez, Representatives Meg Froelich and Andrew Boesenecker

### **CFCU POSITION: Strongly Support**

#### **BILL SUMMARY:**

The bill prohibits manufacturing, distributing, transferring, selling, or purchasing those semiautomatic rifles or semiautomatic shotguns with a detachable magazine or gas-operated semiautomatic handguns with a detachable magazine.

Manufacture, distribution, transfer, sale, or purchase of the specified semiautomatic firearms is a class 2 misdemeanor; a second or subsequent offense is a class 6 felony.

The bill also classifies rapid-fire devices that cause semi-automatic firearms to operate as fully automatic firearms (e.g., bump stocks) as dangerous weapons under Colorado law. Existing state law prohibits possession of a dangerous weapon.

[https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2025A/bills/2025a\\_003\\_01.pdf](https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2025A/bills/2025a_003_01.pdf)

#### **BILL HEARING:**

**SB25-003 will be heard by the State Veterans & Military Affairs Committee on Tuesday January 28 at 1:30 pm at the Old Supreme Court. Opportunities for in-person, remote, and written testimony are available (see below).**

## TALKING POINTS:

*(Please only focus on a few talking points. Include any personal stories that are relevant.)*

- With a fixed magazine, after emptying the magazine, the shooter must load each individual round into the firearm's magazine—a slower process that enables targeted victims to escape.
- Semi-automatic firearms of the types that this bill would prohibit can fire more and deadlier rounds over a shorter period. They are disproportionately used in public mass shootings, and are not suitable for hunting, sport shooting, or any purpose other than killing the maximum number of people in the minimum amount of time. They were originally intended and designed for the battlefield, not civilian life.
- In 2013, Colorado banned the sale of magazines over 15 rounds, but the ban is often not enforced. Additionally, people can go across state lines and purchase large-capacity magazines in neighboring states, even though it is illegal to bring them back into Colorado.
- Colorado has experienced 61 mass shootings in the last 10 years with 328 people shot, resulting in 82 killed and 246 injured (Zeoli et al, 2022). Regardless of the setting or scale, all mass shootings impact the communities within which they occur and have long-lasting physical, mental, and emotional consequences. <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/colorado-gun-violence-prevention-resource-bank/firearm-injury-and-death/mass-shootings>
- An increasing number of extremist groups have leveraged the country's weak open-carry laws to intimidate others and chill public discourse. Armed often with semi-automatic rifles, these individuals have gathered outside of polling places, courthouses and government buildings to intimidate those who disagree with their beliefs. <https://publichealth.jhu.edu/center-for-gun-violence-solutions/solutions/regulation-of-public-carry-of-firearms>
- This bill is different from the 2024 Assault Weapons Ban, and there are assault weapons that will slip through this definition. Nevertheless, it will address most firearms used in mass shootings. The Colorado Sun has a good writeup. [Which guns would be affected by Colorado's proposed semiautomatic weapons ban?](#)
- In mass shootings the number of people shot is six times higher when a semiautomatic firearm is involved. One study found that semi-automatic weapons accounted for more than 85% of deaths in mass shootings. [LWV Blog: Assault Weapons, What is their Legality and Impact?](#)

### **TAKING ACTION:**

Please contact by phone or e-mail as many of the Senate State Veterans and Military Affairs Committee Members as possible. If you are sending emails, copy/paste your first one to each of the others, **making sure to change the name and email address each time.**

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**SAMPLE TEXT to copy and paste for an e-mail or as a script for phone calls to members of the Senate State Veterans & Military Affairs Committee .**

Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_:

Introductory Sentence. (Personalize this by identifying yourself and congregation. We would appreciate your mentioning that you are part of CFCU.)

I am contacting you to request that you vote **YES** on **SB25-003**. I strongly support this bill because: (Pick two or three of the talking points and include any personal stories or reasons.)

Respectfully, (include your address and e-mail)

## INTERESTED IN TESTIFYING?

If you'd like to testify at the hearing either in-person or remotely, please watch Julie Meyer's webinar on how to testify at:

<https://www.cfcu-co.org>

If you have additional questions about testifying, contact Julie at: [Julie.meyers.md@gmail.com](mailto:Julie.meyers.md@gmail.com)

**SPECIAL ATTENTION – Please watch this 5-minute video, produced by the Colorado Legislature**, for information on signing up to testify remotely or in-person, submitting written testimony, and/or listening on-line:

<https://coleg.app.box.com/s/eiuzh3ld59q4ad8vohxb1zaup27zp2tn>

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***Thank you for taking a few minutes of your time to respond to this important issue and putting action to our prayers and thoughts.***

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