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Glocks, and Other Common Handguns Banned Under the Assault Weapon Ban of 2022

Anti-gun Democrats at the House Judiciary Committee markup repeatedly said that the Assault Weapons Ban of 2022 will not ban any handguns.¹ However, the bill does ban many commonly owned handguns.

Handguns can be “Assault Weapons”

Under Section 36 (D), a semiautomatic pistol is considered a **“semiautomatic assault weapon” if the magazine is not fixed and has one of the following attributes:**

1. **A threaded barrel**
2. A second pistol grip
3. A barrel shroud
4. The capacity to accept a detachable magazine at some location outside of the pistol grip
5. **A semiautomatic version of an automatic firearm**
6. A manufactured weight of 50 ounces or more when unloaded
7. A stabilizing brace or similar component²

While many more handguns are coming standard with a threaded barrel due to the proliferation of suppressors and other accessories in American citizens’ hands, ban category (5) is the most concerning. **Many semiautomatic firearms, including handguns, have fully automatic counterparts.**

How the Glock Family is Banned

The Glock 19, one of the most popular handguns in America today, is a “semiautomatic version” of the Glock 18. The Glock 18 is a handgun equipped with a select-fire switch, allowing it to be fired automatically. Therefore, **all firearms within the Glock family could be considered “semiautomatic versions” of the Glock 18, an automatic firearm.** The language does not state the specifics of what a “version” is or whether the chronological order of a firearms development history applies.

By this same logic, a plethora of other firearm lines would also be banned under this section of the bill. Examples include the CZ75 line,³ the Berretta 90 Series,⁴ all derivatives³ of the 1911 family,⁵ and many other handguns not specifically mentioned here.

Foolishness of the Gun Grabbers

H.R. 1808 bans commonly owned self-defense handguns, far more than just braced firearms such as the AR-15 or AK-47. At best, anti-gunners have once again proven how foolish they are when it comes to regulating firearms, and at worst their insidious plan to harm gun owners and crack down on self-defense across the country has been revealed.

Handguns are only a fraction of all firearms that would be banned by the Assault Weapons Ban of 2022. Millions of Americans would be stripped of their right to choose with what firearms they prefer to defend themselves.

This “assault weapons” ban would go as far as to disenfranchise law-abiding citizens and “Good Samaritans” everywhere of the ability to best defend themselves and others. Take for example the Greenwood mall hero, where Elisjsha Dickens used his 9mm Glock to end the threat in 15 seconds.⁶ **Under the new legislation in the House, this weapon would have been banned as a “semiautomatic assault weapon.”**

What monster would disarm the heroes who ended mass shootings at Greenwood, Sutherland Springs, or Arvada? It is clear that being responsible for one’s own protection and carrying a firearm is a better response than simply waiting for the police. **Mr. Dickens took action 308 times faster than nearly 400 first responders at Robb Elementary in Uvalde, Texas.**

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