

S.55; Summary of Sec. 8, Large Capacity Ammunition Feeding Devices

Section 8 of S.55 bans large capacity ammunition feeding devices, which are defined in subsection (e) to be magazines and similar devices capable of accepting more than 10 rounds of ammunition for a long gun or more than 15 rounds of ammunition for a hand gun. Section 4021(a) prohibits a person from manufacturing, possessing, transferring, offering for sale, purchasing, receiving, or importing into Vermont a large capacity ammunition feeding device. "Importing" does not include transporting a device back into Vermont after it is brought out of state by the same person.

Subsection (b) provides that a person violating the ban will be imprisoned for up to one year and/or fined up to \$500.

Subsection (c)(1) is a grandfather clause. It provides that the ban does not apply to possession of feeding devices that a person already possesses when the act goes into effect.

Subsection (c)(2) permits dealers to sell feeding devices in their existing stock until October 1, 2018.

Subsection (d) lists exceptions to the ban. It does not apply to the sale of large capacity ammunition feeding devices manufactured for, transferred to, or possessed by government agencies, law enforcement officers for law enforcement purposes, licensees under Title I of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, or individuals retired from a law enforcement agency.

Under subdivision (d)(1)(E) and (F), the ban does not apply to: devices manufactured in Vermont for transfer, delivery, and possession outside Vermont, or to devices transported into Vermont by a resident of another state for a shooting competition until July 1, 2019.

Finally, the definition of "large capacity ammunition feeding device" makes clear that the ban does not apply to certain tubular devices and lever action or bolt action long guns; or antiques, relics, or curios.