

Oppose SB 39

Public Safety - Regulated Firearm - Definition

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I do not own an “Anderson Manufacturing...AM-15,” and I sure am glad that I don't. This bill would be a life ruining trap for anyone who purchased one between 2013 and today. Surely other testimony will more eloquently illustrate how there is no change to the cutoff date for owning one of these firearms. Imagine, going through all the background checks (and getting affirmative permission from the state) to buy one of these firearms, only to be criminalized for your perfectly legal actions later. That is a trap!

Is a new firearm going to be added to the list every year, because one person out of the millions of gun owners in America misused it?

If we are going to revisit the banned list, why not use some *common sense*. If a model can be added because it was used in a crime, why can't a model that is never used in a crime be removed? Unlike the other black, “scary looking” modern firearms on the list, the Springfield Armory M1A (currently (xxvii)) is a very large, heavy rifle made of wood and steel, designed about 70 (seventy) years ago. While it makes for a great target rifle, it is too cumbersome, expensive, and outdated to be used in any headline grabbing crimes. Have you ever heard of *anyone* being shot by a Springfield M1A...ever?

Unless you fix the dates and trade the Anderson AM-15 for the Springfield M1A, please **Do Not Proceed** with this bill.

Thank you.