

The Firearm Accountability Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1.

The federal government shall enact stringent firearm safety regulations to reduce gun-related incidents and enhance public safety. These regulations will include universal federal background checks, mandatory firearm registration, annual safety inspections, periodic licensing requirements, and strict accountability measures for gun owners.

SECTION 2.

- A. A "Comprehensive Federal Background Check" shall be required for all firearm purchases, transfers, and inheritances, including private sales and gun shows. This shall include an extensive review of criminal, mental health, domestic violence, and terrorism watchlist records.
- B. All firearms must be registered in a national database maintained by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF). Owners must update their registration upon transfer, modification, or loss of a firearm.
- C. Individuals convicted of violent misdemeanors, those under active restraining orders, and those with multiple DUI offenses shall be prohibited from purchasing or possessing firearms.

SECTION 3.

- A. A "Firearm Safety License" shall be required for all firearm owners, renewable every three years. Licensing shall include mandatory firearm safety and de-escalation training.
- B. Firearm owners must complete a live-fire assessment and pass a written safety exam to obtain and renew their license.
- C. Concealed carry and open carry permits shall require additional training on conflict resolution, first aid, and state-specific firearm laws.

SECTION 4.

- A. An annual "Firearm Safety Inspection" shall be required for all registered firearms, conducted by a certified firearm specialist to ensure operational safety and compliance with federal regulations.
- B. Firearms must be stored in a government-certified, tamper-resistant safe when not in active use. Gun owners shall be required to submit proof of secure storage upon registration and license renewal.
- C. Failure to comply with safety inspections or secure storage requirements shall result in fines, temporary firearm confiscation, or revocation of firearm privileges.

SECTION 5.

- A. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) shall oversee enforcement, with an additional allocation of \$10 billion annually to support compliance monitoring and enforcement actions.
- B. State and local law enforcement agencies shall collaborate with the ATF to conduct background checks, inspections, and enforcement of safety violations.

C. Firearm owners found in violation of this legislation shall face escalating penalties, including fines up to \$50,000, firearm confiscation, and potential imprisonment for repeated offenses.

SECTION 6.

This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Brooklyn Debate League