What you can own in Massachusetts: A time line regarding “assault weapons.”


1998: Massachusetts enacts its own “assault weapons” and large capacity magazines ban — there is no sunset clause.

2004: Federal “assault weapon” ban expires; but Massachusetts ban does not.

1994-2004: Large capacity magazines made during this time period are stamped “for law enforcement or military use only.” These may NOT be possessed in the Commonwealth, except for law enforcement and retired law enforcement.

2004 (and after): Federal ban expires and gun manufacturers begin making large capacity magazines and “assault weapons” again. These may NOT be possessed in the Commonwealth.

“Assault weapons” and large capacity magazines manufactured before Sept. 13, 1994 may be owned by Mass. residents with a License to Carry a Firearm.

Large capacity rifles and shotguns, made with design changes so they could not be considered “assault weapons,” may be owned by Mass residents with a Class A or B License, regardless of the year of manufacture.

EXAMPLES:
May be owned by a Mass resident with a License to Carry a Firearm.

- Fixed Stock
- Muzzle Break

May not be possessed in Massachusetts, except by law enforcement and retired law enforcement.

- Telescopic Stock
- Flash Suppressor

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