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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, a person may be issued a permit to carry certain firearms.

This bill would require a person to have a permit to legally carry an assault weapon in a vehicle or on his or her person.

This bill would require a person to have a permit to purchase or otherwise acquire an assault weapon.

This bill would provide exceptions for certain entities and circumstances from these requirements.

This bill would also provide a criminal penalty for a violation.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to firearms; to require a permit to carry an assault weapon in a vehicle or on one's person; to require a permit to purchase or acquire an assault weapon; to provide certain exceptions; and to provide criminal penalties for violations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:



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29           Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the  
30 following terms have the following meanings:

31           (1) ANTIQUE FIREARM. A firearm or replica of a firearm  
32 not designed or redesigned for using rim fire or conventional  
33 center fire ignition with fixed ammunition and manufactured in  
34 or before 1898, including any matchlock, flintlock, percussion  
35 cap, or similar type of ignition system. The term includes any  
36 firearm using fixed ammunition manufactured in or before 1898,  
37 for which ammunition is no longer manufactured in the United  
38 States and is not readily available in the ordinary channels  
39 of commercial trade.

40           (2) ASSAULT WEAPON. a. A weapon that is:

41           1. A semiautomatic rifle that has the capacity to  
42 accept a detachable magazine and has one or more of the  
43 following:

44           (i) A pistol grip that protrudes conspicuously beneath  
45 the action of the weapon.

46           (ii) A thumbhole stock.

47           (iii) A folding or telescoping stock.

48           (iv) A second handgrip or a protruding grip that can be  
49 held by the nontrigger hand.

50           (v) A flash suppressor, muzzle break, muzzle  
51 compensator, or threaded barrel designed to accommodate a  
52 flash suppressor, muzzle break, or muzzle compensator.

53           (vi) A grenade launcher or flare launcher.

54           2. A semiautomatic pistol that has the capacity to  
55 accept a detachable magazine and has one or more of the  
56 following:



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57 (i) Any feature capable of functioning as a protruding  
58 grip that can be held by the nontrigger hand.

59 (ii) A threaded barrel capable of accepting a flash  
60 suppressor, forward handgrip, or silencer.

61 (iii) A shroud attached to the barrel, or that  
62 partially or completely encircles the barrel, allowing the  
63 bearer to hold the firearm with the nontrigger hand without  
64 being burned, but excluding a slide that encloses the barrel.

65 (iv) The capacity to accept a detachable magazine at  
66 any location outside of the pistol grip.

67 3. A semiautomatic pistol or a semiautomatic centerfire  
68 or rimfire rifle with a fixed magazine that has the capacity  
69 to accept more than 10 rounds of ammunition.

70 4. A semiautomatic centerfire or rimfire rifle that has  
71 an overall length of less than 30 inches.

72 5. A semiautomatic shotgun that has all of the  
73 following:

74 (i) A pistol grip that protrudes conspicuously beneath  
75 the action of the weapon, thumbhole stock, or vertical  
76 handgrip.

77 (ii) A folding or telescoping stock.

78 (iii) The ability to accept a detachable magazine.

79 6. A shotgun with a revolving cylinder.

80 7. A conversion kit, part, or combination of parts from  
81 which a weapon described in this paragraph may be assembled if  
82 those parts are in the possession or under the control of the  
83 same person.

84 b. The term does not include an antique firearm, any



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85 firearm that has been made permanently inoperable, or any  
86 firearm that is manually operated by bolt, pump, lever, or  
87 slide action.

88 (3) CAPACITY TO ACCEPT MORE THAN 10 ROUNDS. Capable of  
89 accommodating more than 10 rounds of ammunition. The term does  
90 not include a feeding device that has been permanently altered  
91 so that it cannot accommodate more than 10 rounds of  
92 ammunition.

93 (4) FIREARM. Has the same meaning as provided in  
94 Section 13A-8-1, Code of Alabama 1975.

95 (5) MAGAZINE. Any ammunition feeding device.

96 (6) PISTOL. Has the same meaning as provided in Section  
97 13A-11-70, Code of Alabama 1975.

98 (7) RIFLE. Has the same meaning as provided in Section  
99 13A-11-62, Code of Alabama 1975.

100 (8) SHOTGUN. Has the same meaning as provided in  
101 Section 13A-11-62, Code of Alabama 1975.

102 (b) (1) No person shall knowingly carry an assault  
103 weapon in a vehicle or on his or her person unless he or she  
104 possesses a valid assault weapon permit issued in accordance  
105 with this section.

106 (2) No person shall purchase or otherwise acquire an  
107 assault weapon unless he or she possesses a valid assault  
108 weapon permit issued in accordance with this section

109 (c) A person who acquires an assault weapon by means of  
110 bequest or intestate succession shall have a grace period of  
111 90 days from the date of acquisition to apply for an assault  
112 weapon permit.



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113           (d) A person may apply to the sheriff of the county in  
114 which he or she resides for the issuance or renewal of an  
115 assault weapon permit. An assault weapon permit shall be  
116 issued or renewed at the discretion of the sheriff according  
117 to the procedures for issuing and renewing a concealed carry  
118 permit as provided in Section 13A-11-75, Code of Alabama 1975.  
119 The fee for an assault weapon permit, and the distribution of  
120 funds collected therefrom, shall be as provided for a  
121 concealed carry permit in Section 13A-11-75, Code of Alabama  
122 1975.

123           (e) A violation of subsection (b) is a Class C felony.

124           (f) This section shall not apply to any of the  
125 following:

126           (1) A federal, state, or local law enforcement officer  
127 or member of the military or naval forces of this state or of  
128 the United States while acting in an official capacity.

129           (2) A person who possesses a federal firearm license  
130 pursuant to 18 U.S.C § 923.

131           (3) A person that is on land under his or her control,  
132 in his or her place of residence, or in his or her fixed place  
133 of business.

134           Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
135 1, 2025.