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Subject: That stupid "assault weapons" ban finally expired

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...and I, for one, am celebrating the fact that Congress actually did something that made sense for a change. What makes me even happier is that the paperwork for my firearms ID card should be coming through in a few weeks, meaning I'll be legally able to purchase a Constitutionally-protected firearm of my own.

This ban centered not around all weapons of a certain type(though several weapons were prohibited by the ban), but features that could be found on some models of firearms- things like flash suppressors, pistol grips(for long guns such as rifles), bayonet lugs, silencers, etc. Thus, the ban did not prohibit the actual working mechanism of the firearm, but various add-ons that don't really augment the functionality(or in some cases, reduce it in favor of other areas of performance) of the weapon.

The ban also prohibited the sale of magazines that held more than a certain number of rounds(I forget whether it was 10 or 15). However, if the magazines were manufactured before 1994, they were still legal. That, and I believe importing them from other countries was legal in some way, as well.

So here's good riddance to a worthless piece of legislature that did nothing but unnecessarily limit the average, law abiding citizen's ability to keep and bear arms. And here's to the hope that my firearms ID card arrives swiftly, so that I may purchase a firearm of my own and go target shooting without parental supervision if I so choose.

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