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## Mass. House of Representatives overwhelmingly approves gun law changes.

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BOSTON — Members of the Massachusetts House of Representatives on Wednesday **approved legislation that revises the state's already stringent gun laws** after releasing the bill from committee, bypassing any input from the Senate.

**The bill was approved a 120-38 vote with Republican legislators voting nearly unanimously in opposition.** It was formulated to address perceived deficiencies in the state's gun laws after the 2022 Supreme Court decision, *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association Inc. v. Bruen*, that struck down that state's century-old public carry licensing law.

**The Massachusetts measure reaffirmed the state's decades-old ban on assault rifles**, revising the list to address advances in technology. **It included measures that legislators believe will address the proliferation of so-called "ghost guns," homemade or kit firearms that lack serial numbers and are not registered with the state. The new law requires that all kit or homemade firearms, if sold, must be etched with unique serial numbers and registered with the state.**

**It also outlines areas where firearms are prohibited: schools, including colleges and universities, certain public or governmental buildings and polling places.** It also **bars firearms on private property**, including homes and businesses **if the prohibition is posted by the owner. Police officers, even when off duty, are exempt from prohibitions.**

The bill had been attached to the governor's closeout budget but was excised out.

Various anti-gun opponents were in attendance to witness the passing of the law.

### Gun owners slam bill

**Jim Wallace of the Gun Owners Action League** called the bill a cauldron of "arrogance, ignorance and bigotry," a tantrum pitched by Massachusetts legislators following the Bruen decision.

**Legitimate gun owners and gun ownership**, Wallace said, **are not the problems. Law-abiding citizens who fabricate a firearm and then sell it have no problems etching it with a unique serial number or registering the sale with the state.**

"Criminals don't care about the laws," Wallace said.