



**ALLIANCE OF NEW YORK STATE YMCAs  
YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT  
Legislative Bill**

**Bill # 41**

**Referred to Committee:  
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**Action on the Bill**

**Assembly**

**Senate**

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**AN ACT TO:** Lower the amount of gun access.

**The People of the State of New York, represented in the Senate and Assembly do enact as follows:**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this bill is to limit the access to guns to people who might use it for tragedies. This bill will not only keep people from hurting others, but from hurting themselves.

**Summary of Provisions**

Section 1: Definitions

Guns:

Assault rifles- a gun that can shoot many bullets quickly that was designed by the military

Pistols- a small gun made to be aimed and fired with one hand

Revolvers- a small gun that holds multiple bullets that can replace with another bullet after one is shot

Machine gun- a gun that is able to shoot many bullets very quickly one after the other

Section 2: New York State Gun Law

The law now is that for rifles and shotguns you don't need a permit to purchase, registration, a license, or a permit to carry around. You do need a permit for purchase, a permit to carry around, a license, and registration for a handgun.

Section 3: The new law:

Extends the amount of time between a person applying to own and actually receiving any type of gun. Since these laws already exist for handguns specifically, this law will be more relevant for the other types of guns, such as rifles and shotguns.

Section 4: Buying the gun

This bill will increase the three-day period to buy a gun to a two-week period in the state of New York. Before someone buys a gun, they need to get a mental health checkup, to prevent giving dangerous weapons to mentally unstable people. Since this person wants the gun, they will need to pay for the check-up. By limiting access for guns through allowing more time before an owner has a gun in their possession, we could be saving hundreds of lives in the process.

**Justification:**

Assault rifles are described by how dangerous they look, but should be described by how many people it could kill and what the gun is capable of. The FBI recommend a 25-day period before being able to get the gun, but most places such as Las Vegas allow people to get them after a three-day period. The number of homicides in 2014 was 333, but changed to 335 homicides by 2016. Also 60.1% of murders happen when people have access to guns.

**Fiscal Implications**

The impact on money would change because the government would have to advertise what would be happening with the gun law. When it comes to advertising, the government needs to inform its people about what the law is being changed to and the reasons why.

**Effective Date:** The bill should go into effect 2 months after the bill is passed.