

C.R.S. 18-12-301

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- [Colorado Revised Statutes Annotated](#)
- [Title 18. Criminal Code \(Arts. 1 — 26\)](#)
- [Article 12. Offenses Relating to Firearms and Weapons \(Pts. 1 — 5\)](#)
- [Part 3. Large-Capacity Ammunition Magazines \(§§ 18-12-301 — 18-12-303\)](#)

18-12-301. Definitions

As used in this part 3, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Bureau" means the Colorado bureau of investigation created and existing pursuant to section 24-33.5-401, C.R.S.

(2)

(a) "Large-capacity magazine" means:

(I) A fixed or detachable magazine, box, drum, feed strip, or similar device capable of accepting, or that is designed to be readily converted to accept, more than fifteen rounds of ammunition;

(II) A fixed, tubular shotgun magazine that holds more than twenty-eight inches of shotgun shells, including any extension device that is attached to the magazine and holds additional shotgun shells; or

(III) A nontubular, detachable magazine, box, drum, feed strip, or similar device that is capable of accepting more than eight shotgun shells when combined with a fixed magazine.

(b) "Large-capacity magazine" does not mean:

(I) A feeding device that has been permanently altered so that it cannot accommodate more than fifteen rounds of ammunition;

(II) An attached tubular device designed to accept, and capable of operating only with, .22 caliber rimfire ammunition; or

(III) A tubular magazine that is contained in a lever-action firearm.

History

Source: L. 2013: Entire part added, (HB 13-1224), ch. 48, p. 144, § 1, effective July 1.

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Notes

Editor's note:

This title was numbered as chapter 40, C.R.S. 1963. The substantive provisions of this title were repealed and reenacted in 1971, resulting in the addition, relocation, and elimination of sections as well as subject matter. For amendments to this title prior to 1971, consult the Colorado statutory research explanatory note beginning on page vii in the front of this volume. For a detailed comparison of this title, see the comparative tables located in the back of the index.

Editor's note: This title was repealed and reenacted in 1971. For historical information concerning the repeal and reenactment, see the editor's note following the title heading.

ANNOTATION

This section and §§ 18-12-302 and 18-12-303 represent a reasonable exercise of the state's police power and thus are constitutional because the legislative purpose in enacting the statutes, to reduce the number of people who are killed or shot in mass shootings, reasonably furthers a legitimate governmental interest in public health and safety; the statutes are reasonably related to the legitimate governmental purpose of reducing deaths from mass shootings; and the statutes are not unconstitutionally overbroad because the statutes do not ban virtually all magazines, and limiting magazine size to fifteen rounds of ammunition does not unreasonably burden the right to self-defense. *Rocky Mtn. Gun Owners v. Hickenlooper*, 2018 COA 149, — P.3d —.