

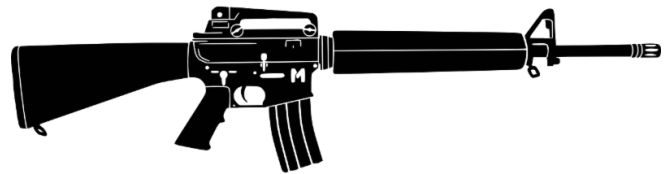
NEWS BRIEF:

Bill Seeking to Ban Specific Semi-Automatic Firearms Dies in Senate

June 23, 2018 -- A bill to prohibit the manufacture, sale, transport, and transfer of certain types of semi-automatic firearms in Delaware is dead.

[Senate Bill 163](#) sought to ban guns it branded as "assault weapons" -- dozens of semi-automatic rifles, shotguns, and pistols specifically identified in the bill by model and manufacturer. It would have also prohibited so-called "copycat weapons," defined as firearms with certain military-style functional and cosmetic elements.

The legislation had failed to clear the Senate Judicial & Community Affairs Committee earlier in the month.



Citing "a great deal of public interest" in the legislation, State Senate Majority Leader Dave McBride, D-Hawk's Nest, indicated last week that he intended to seek a suspension of the Senate Rules, allowing the bill to be brought to the floor for consideration.

That motion was made on Tuesday, falling two votes short of the 11 needed to allow the bill to be worked. The failure of the action essentially kills the legislation for this General Assembly. The measure could be reintroduced in the new 150th General Assembly, which will begin meeting in January.