



Alberta Firearms Act

Overview

The government is introducing Alberta-specific firearms legislation to clarify and protect the province's role in regulating firearms and better advocate for lawful firearms owners.

Details of the act

If passed, the Alberta Firearms Act would:

- Put in legislation the Alberta Chief Firearms Office's role in administering the federal *Firearms Act* and expand the role to include engaging with and advocating for Alberta's firearms community. The role could be further defined through regulations.
- Require annual reports from the Chief Firearms Office to show accountability and raise awareness of the office's work.
- The act provides flexibility to quickly develop responses in regulations if needed. This could include:
 - limiting municipalities and municipal police services from entering into firearms-related funding agreements with the federal government;
 - allowing Alberta to create regulations regarding which individuals or organizations can participate in the seizure and confiscation of firearms;
 - creating regulations to establish Alberta's expectations for fair treatment of firearms owners regarding compensation for confiscated firearms, and the safety and integrity of any program that involves handling large numbers of firearms.

Other actions on firearms

In 2021, Alberta established its own Chief Firearms Office to administer the Canadian Firearms Program and appointed Dr. Teri Bryant as Chief Firearms Officer. The office administers federal firearms legislation, advocates for lawful firearms owners and promotes public safety.

Firearms in Alberta

In Alberta there are:

- 341,988 possession/acquisition license holders
- 127 approved shooting ranges
- more than 650 firearms-related businesses