

SUPPRESSOR LAWS BY STATE

Legal for Hunting and Citizen Use

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SUPPRESSOR STATE LAWS

State	Legal	Hunting	Law
AL	Yes	Yes	Ala. Admin. Code § 220-2-.02(1)(e).
AK	Yes	Yes	Silencers are a prohibited weapon under Alaska Stat. § 11-61-200(h), but registration under the National Firearms Act is an affirmative defense (§11-61-200(c)).
AZ	Yes	Yes	Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 13-3101(8)(a)(ii) prohibits silencers, but prohibition does not extend to firearms possessed in compliance with federal law. See also Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 17-251.
AR	Yes	Yes	Ark. Code R. § 5-73-104; House Bill 1488 / Act 720 (2015).
CA	No	No	The California Senate Public Safety Committee has held hearings on the subject as recently as 2018, but no legislative efforts have come near to restoring Californian's rights. The American Suppressor Association continues to pursue legislation in California and "every state that does not currently allow for suppressor ownership or their use while hunting." Relevant laws: Cal. Penal Code § 33410-15. Only Class 3 & Class 2 manufacturers may possess a silencer in California.
CO	Yes	Yes	Colo. Rev. Stat. §18-12-102 prohibits silencers, but provides that a "valid permit and license for possession" of a silencer is an affirmative defense.
CT	Yes	No	Conn. Gen. Stat. § 53a-211 prohibits silencers, except when permitted under federal law. See also Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 26-75, which regards hunting.
DE	No	No	Code Ann. tit. 11 § 1444, Del. Code Ann. tit. 7, § 710.
FL	Yes	Yes	Fl. Stat. § 790.001 defines silencers as firearms, but the law is otherwise silent. See also Fla. Admin. Code r. 68A-12.002(3)(b) which regards hunting.
GA	Yes	Yes	Ga. Code Ann. §§ 16-11-122 and 16-11-124 prohibit silencers, but this prohibition does not apply to persons authorized by registration "in accordance with the dictates of the National Firearms Act." See also Ga. Code Ann. § 27-3-4(9), which regards hunting.
HI	No	No	Haw. Rev Stat. § 134-8 and § 134-11. Exceptions are made for federal and state law enforcement officers and other officials. See Haw. Rev. Stat. Ann. 134-8(a), which regards hunting.
ID	Yes	Yes	Idaho law is silent regarding silencers.
IL	No	No	720 ILCS 5/24-1(a)(6). See also 520 ILCS 5/2.33(s), which regards hunting.
IN	Yes	Yes	Ind. Code Ann. § 14-22-6-11 contains relevant hunting regulations. See also House Bill 1563 (2013).
IA	Yes	Yes	Iowa Code §§ 724.1-724.3.
KS	Yes	Yes	Kan. Stat. Ann. § 21-6301 prohibits silencer, but this prohibition "shall not apply to or affect any person or entity in compliance with the national firearms act." See also Kan. Stat. Ann. §32-1002 and SB 152-2011, which regard hunting.
KY	Yes	Yes	Kentucky law is silent regarding silencers.
LA	Yes	Yes	La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §40:1781 defines suppressors, and §14:94 establishes an enhanced penalty for use in connection with a crime. See also La. Rev. Stat. § 56:116.6 and HB 186/SB 212 (2014), which regard hunting.
ME	Yes	Yes	Signed into law in 2021, LD 635 (SP 249) repeals previous requirements for obtaining a permit before hunting with a silencer.
MD	Yes	Yes	Md. Code Ann. § 5-621 establishes an enhanced penalty for use in drug trafficking crime. The law is otherwise silent.
MA	No	No	Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 269, § 10A. Class 3 & Class 2 manufacturers are permitted to possess a silencer.
MI	Yes	Yes	Mich. Comp. Laws § 750.224 carries a prohibition, but this does not apply to "A person licensed by the secretary of the treasury of the United States or the secretary's delegate."
MN	Yes	Yes	Minn. Stat. Ann. § 609.66 Subd. 1a; SF 878 (2015).
MS	Yes	Yes	Miss. Code Ann. § 97-37-31 makes ownership legal for any person "duly authorized under federal law." The law is silent with regard to hunting.
MO	Yes	Yes	Mo. Rev. Stat. § 571.020 makes it illegal to possess a silencer "in violation of federal law." The law is silent with regard to hunting.

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MT	Yes	Yes	Mont. Code Ann. § 45-8-337 makes it illegal to possess “a silencer that is not registered under federal law.” See also Mont. Code Ann. § 87-6-401(1)(c), which regards hunting.
NE	Yes	Yes	Nebraska law is silent regarding silencers.
NV	Yes	Yes	Nev. Rev. Stat. § 202.350 bans silencers “unless authorized by federal law.” The law is silent with regard to hunting.
NH	Yes	Yes	N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 207:4(1) outlaws hunting with a suppressor, but persons issued a depredation permit by the Executive Director of Fish and Game may use one.
NJ	No	No	N.J. Stat. Ann. § 2C:39-3(c) prohibits the possession of suppressors; N.J. Stat. Ann. § 23:4-13 bans hunting with suppressors.
NM	Yes	Yes	New Mexico law is silent regarding silencers.
NY	No	No	N.Y. Penal Law § 265.02(2) bans suppressors. N.Y. Env. Law § 11-0931 bans the use of suppressors while hunting, except for law enforcement officers performing their official duties.
NC	Yes	Yes	N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-288.8(c)(3) makes it legal to own or possess if “in compliance with 26 U.S.C. Chapter 53, §§ 5801-5871.” See also N.C. Gen. Stat §113-291.1(c), which regards hunting.
ND	Yes	Yes	N.D. Cent. Code § 62.1-05-01. makes it illegal for person to possess suppressor “unless that person has complied with the National Firearms Act.” See also N.D. Cent. Code § 20.1-01-36, which regards hunting.
OH	Yes	Yes	Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 2923.17(C)(5) makes it illegal to possess a suppressor unless “registered in the national firearms registration and transfer record...” See also Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 1533.04, which regards hunting.
OK	Yes	Yes	Okla. Stat. tit. 29, § 5-201(A)(5) concerns the use of suppressors while hunting. The law is otherwise silent.
OR	Yes	Yes	Or. Rev. Stat. §166.272 makes silencers illegal, unless they are “registered as required under federal law.” The law is otherwise silent with regard to hunting.
PA	Yes	Yes	18 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 908 makes it illegal to possess a “firearm specially made or specially adapted for concealment or silent discharge,” but it is a valid defense to show that you “complied with the National Firearms Act (26 U.S.C. § 5801 et seq.)”. The law is silent with regard to hunting.
RI	No	No	R.I. Gen. Laws § 11-47-20 concerns both the possession of silencers and their use while hunting.
SC	Yes	Yes	South Carolina law is silent regarding silencers.
SD	Yes	Yes	S.D. Codified Laws § 22-14-6 makes silencers legal if the owner “Has a valid state or federal license issued pursuant to law for such weapon or has registered such weapon with the proper state or federal authority pursuant to law.” The law is silent with regard to hunting.
TN	Yes	Yes	Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-1302 is now silent, given S.B. 921 (2017). The law is silent with regard to hunting. See also the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency website.
TX	Yes	Yes	Tex. Penal Code Ann. § 46.05 prohibits silencers except when possessed in compliance with federal law. (Pending legislation could change this status quo). The law is silent with regard to hunting.
UT	Yes	Yes	Utah law is silent regarding silencers.
VT	Yes	Yes	Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 13, § 4010. Vt S.281 § 4010
VA	Yes	Yes	Virginia law is silent (since SB 1383 in 2009). Recent attempts to ban silencers in Virginia have been narrowly averted.
WA	Yes	Yes	Wash. Rev. Code §§ 9.41.250; 9.41.251 makes suppressors legal if “registered and possessed in accordance with federal law.” The law is silent with regard to hunting.
WV	Yes	Yes	West Virginia law is silent regarding silencers.
WI	Yes	Yes	Wis. Stat. § 941.298 states that possessing a silencer is legal for “[a]ny person who has complied with the licensing and registration requirements under 26 USC 5801 to 5872.” The law is silent with respect to hunting with silencers.
WY	Yes	Yes	Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 23-3-112 addresses the use of silencers for hunting.