

**Conservation Federation of Missouri  
2013 Resolutions**

**Committee: Sportsmen’s Rights  
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**CFM opposes the Missouri House Bill 545**

1     **WHEREAS**, Missouri House Bill 545 is titled “Assault Weapons and Large Capacity Magazines”; and

2     **WHEREAS**, This bill prohibits any person, corporation, or other entity in the state from  
3     manufacturing, importing, possessing, purchasing, selling, or transferring any assault weapon or large  
4     capacity magazine; and,

5     **WHEREAS**, Any violation of these provisions would become a class C felony; and,

6     **WHEREAS**, The bill specifies that any person who was legally in possession of an assault weapon  
7     or large capacity magazine prior to the effective date of these provisions would have 90 days to remove  
8     the assault weapon or large capacity magazine from the state, render the assault weapon permanently  
9     inoperable, or surrender the assault weapon or large capacity magazine to the appropriate law  
10    enforcement agency for destruction; and,

11    **WHEREAS**, Assault weapon is defined in depth in the bill to include any semi automatic firearm; and,

12    **WHEREAS**, Large capacity magazine is defined as a magazine holding more than 10 rounds; and,

13    **WHEREAS**, Many semi automatic firearms are commonly used for sport purposes such as hunting and  
14    target shooting; or currently have magazines with capacities of more than 10 rounds; and,

15    **WHEREAS**, An 11% excise tax on firearms and ammunition set by the Pitman Robertson act  
16    raised approximately \$10 million for wildlife restoration programs for the Missouri Department of  
17    Conservation in fiscal year 2012; and,

18    **WHEREAS**, This bill would be the leading precedent of firearm bans: now, therefore, be it

19    **RESOLVED**, That the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in  
20    Jefferson City, MO, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013, opposes the Missouri House Bill 545.