

**GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2018  
ARCHIVES' RESEARCH REPORT**

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 2018-C015  
**TITLE:** Stricter Guidelines for "Lunch Box" Guns  
**PROPOSER:** Bethlehem  
**TOPIC:** Weapons

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**Directly Related:** (Attached)

2015-C005      Implement Laws to Decrease Gun Violence  
1997-C035      Urge Restrictions on Sale, Ownership and Use of Firearms  
1976-C052      Urge Congress to Adopt Effective Hand Gun Control Legislation

**Indirectly Related:** (Available in the [Acts of Convention](#) database, searchable by resolution number)

1997-D033      Urge Legislation on the Safe Manufacture of Domestic Hand Guns  
1994-D019      Request a Commission Study of Sale and Spread of Armaments

*In preparing this report, the Archives researched the resolutions in the Acts of Convention database for the period 1976 through 2015, selecting "direct" resolutions that have a substantive bearing on the proposed legislation. The "direct" resolutions are attached and "indirect" resolutions are available in the Acts of Convention database. Committee members who require other research assistance should contact the Archives at 800-525-9329 before Convention or at Convention in the General Convention Secretariat.*

# C015 Stricter Guidelines for "Lunch Box" Guns

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## RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That this 79th General Convention make formal requests to national officials to enact and enforce stricter and more uniform sentencing guidelines, both federally as well as among all states, for individuals who are involved in the manufacturing, possession or use of so-called "Lunch Box", "Ghost", "Replica" Guns and other such firearms which are lacking serial numbers.

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## EXPLANATION

No explanation.



**Resolution Number:** 2015-C005  
**Title:** Implement Laws to Decrease Gun Violence  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Amended  
**Final Text:**

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention on the 50th anniversary of the murder of seminarian Jonathan Daniels, urge all legislators at federal, state and local levels to help decrease gun violence by implementing laws that;

1. Require permits to carry concealed weapons and criminal background checks for every gun purchase, including those made at gun shows; and
2. Except for the use of military and law enforcement agencies, ban the sale, transfer, importation and manufacture of military-style assault weapons and high-capacity magazines; and
3. Ban the importation and manufacture of Full-Auto Conversion kits that convert guns into automatic weapons; and
4. Tighten laws against gun trafficking, and increase penalties for those who engage in "straw purchases" of firearms for ineligible persons; and
5. Prohibit persons from purchasing guns without evidence of gun safety training; and
6. Recognize the impact of existing inheritance laws on the transfer of gun ownership; and
7. Promote funding for research into the prevention and causes of gun violence.

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Salt Lake City, 2015* (New York: General Convention, 2015), p. 328.



**Resolution Number:** 1997-C035  
**Title:** Urge Restrictions on Sale, Ownership and Use of Firearms  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Substituted  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That this 72nd General Convention, through the Office of Government Relations, urge the Congress of the Unites States to increase restrictions on the sale, ownership and use of firearms, particularly "Saturday night specials" (described as short-barreled, four inches or shorter, easily concealed hand gun); and be it further*  
*Resolved, That legislation to ban carrying concealed firearms be encouraged; and be it further*  
*Resolved, That Congress be urged to adopt legislation requiring the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms to develop regulations to delineate appropriate safety standards for use of firearms, and circumstances under which firearms may be used and to monitor and enforce compliance with said safety standards.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, 1997* (New York: General Convention, 1998), p. 782.



**Resolution Number:** 1976-C052  
**Title:** Urge Congress to Adopt Effective Hand Gun Control Legislation  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred As Substituted  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That the 65th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, meeting in Minneapolis, September 11-23, 1976, urge the Congress of the United States to adopt effective hand gun legislation as promptly as possible and that this resolution be communicated to the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Crime of the Judiciary Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Senators Birch Bayh and James Eastland of the Judiciary Committee of the United States Senate, and to the President of the National Rifle Association; and be it further*

*Resolved, That this General Convention urge all citizens to support federal, state, and local legislation aimed at controlling the sale and use of hand guns.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Minneapolis 1976* (New York: General Convention, 1977), p. C-107.