

# [***Supreme Court Declines To Hear Challenge To Maryland Gun Ban***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6C2V-XS11-JBFB-H0M2-00000-00&context=1516831)

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The Supreme Court declined on Monday to hear a challenge to Maryland's ban on so-called “assault weapons.”

Then-Democratic Gov. Martin O'Malley [*signed*](https://dailycaller.com/2013/05/16/maryland-governor-signs-tough-gun-control-law/) the ban into law in May 2013. The court denied the petition for a writ of certiorari, according to a list of orders [*released*](https://www.supremecourt.gov/orders/courtorders/052024zor_d1o3.pdf) Monday. [***(RELATED: EXCLUSIVE: Republican AGs Join Push To Strike Down Blue State's Semi-Auto Ban)***](https://dailycaller.com/2023/07/11/exclusive-republican-ags-join-push-to-strike-down-blue-states-semi-auto-ban/)

The United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit will issue an en banc ruling on the case, according to a [*post*](https://x.com/gunpolicy/status/1792557734992154776) on X by the Firearms Policy Coalition. The Supreme Court initially [*granted*](https://www.supremecourt.gov/orders/courtorders/063022zor_5he6.pdf) a writ of certiorari after it [*invalidated*](https://dailycaller.com/2022/06/23/supreme-court-second-amendment-concealed-carry-new-york/) New York's “proper cause” requirement for pistol permits in New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen in June 2022, but [*sent*](https://assets.nationbuilder.com/firearmspolicycoalition/pages/5854/attachments/original/1659374506/Bianchi_v_Frosh_Judgment.pdf?1659374506) the case back to the Fourth Circuit for rehearing in light of the decision.

LEGAL UPDATE: The Supreme Court has denied the cert petition in our lawsuit challenging Maryland's “assault weapon” ban. The case will now proceed to a decision in the Fourth Circuit, where oral arguments were held in March. [*https://t.co/CpAh5oTzbT*](https://t.co/CpAh5oTzbT) [*pic.twitter.com/5jO3uDRYS7*](https://t.co/5jO3uDRYS7)

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The Fourth Circuit [*heard*](https://www.ca4.uscourts.gov/OAarchive/mp3/21-1255-20240320.mp3) oral arguments on the case March 20 after the case was [*re-opened*](https://assets.nationbuilder.com/firearmspolicycoalition/pages/5854/attachments/original/1659374505/Bianchi_v_Frosh_8-1_Order.pdf?1659374505) in August 2022. Federal courts upheld the ban prior to the Bruen decision, [*according*](https://www.firearmspolicy.org/bianchi) to a page on the case maintained by the Firearms Policy Center.

“Assault weapons” is a [*euphemism*](https://www.nraila.org/get-the-facts/assault-weapons-large-magazines/) that gun-control advocates use to gain support for banning certain semi-automatic firearms with features that provide a cosmetic similarity to firearms capable of fully-automatic operation. The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) [*estimated*](https://www.nssf.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/EstMSR1990_2020.pdf) that over 24 million “modern sporting rifles,” which include the AR-15, are “in circulation,” according to a July 2022 [*release*](https://www.nssf.org/articles/commonly-owned-nssf-announces-over-24-million-msrs-in-circulation/).

“What has incorrectly been termed an 'assault weapon' is a semi-automatic firearm that fires just one bullet with each pull of the trigger (versus a fully automatic firearm - machine gun - which continues to shoot until the trigger is released),” the NSSF [*said*](https://www.nssf.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/NSSF-factsheet-Assault-Weapons.pdf) in a fact sheet.

The National Rifle Association did not immediately respond to a request for comment by the Daily Caller News Foundation.

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The Supreme Court of the United States is pictured. (Photo via REUTERS/Bonnie Cash)

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