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# Keeping New Yorkers Safe: Governor Hochul Announces Nation-Leading Proposals to Crack Down on 3D-Printed Guns and Other Illegal Firearms

Governor's Plan Confronts 3D-Printed Ghost Guns, Nation's Fastest Growing Gun Safety Threat

Proposal Establishes Criminal Penalties for Unlicensed Manufacture and Sale of 3D-

## Printed Firearms and Requires Reporting of All Recovered 3D-Printed Guns

### First-in-the-Nation Policy Would Create Minimum Safety Standards for 3D Printer Manufacturers; Blocking Production of 3D-Printed Firearms and Firearm Components

### Builds on New York's Nation-Leading Gun Laws by Requiring Gun Manufacturers To Design Their Pistols To Prevent Easy Modification Into Illegal Machine Guns

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As part of her 2026 State of the State agenda, Governor Kathy Hochul today unveiled proposals to strengthen New York's nation leading gun laws by cracking down on 3D-printed and illegal firearms. The new legislation would establish criminal penalties for the manufacture of 3D-printed firearms and order minimum safety standards to be established for 3D printer manufacturers to block the production of firearms and firearm components. The proposed legislation would also require gun manufacturers to design their pistols so they cannot be quickly and easily modified into illegal machine guns, and require police departments and sheriffs' offices to report recoveries of all 3D printed guns to the state. These proposals build on Governor Hochul's historic efforts to get guns off the streets, reduce firearm deaths, and end the scourge of gun violence in New York State — which are delivering dramatic results. In 2025, shootings statewide fell to their lowest levels on record and were down 60 percent from when Governor Hochul took office in 2021.

"Public safety is my top priority. When I took office, I made a promise to New Yorkers to attack the gun violence epidemic head-on, and as gun technology continues to evolve, so do our strongest-in-the-nation gun laws," **Governor Hochul said**. "From the iron pipeline to the plastic pipeline, these proposals will keep illegal ghost guns off of New York streets, and enhance measures to track and block the production of dangerous and illegal firearms in our state. I remain committed to continuing the progress we saw in 2025 to reduce gun violence in New York and ensuring our laws remain the strongest and safest in the nation."

#### **Enhancing New York's Nation Leading Gun Laws**

New legislation proposed to continue the progress New York State has made in cracking down on 3D printed guns and ghost guns would:

- Make it a crime for a person to intentionally sell, distribute, or possess digital instructions to illegally manufacture or produce a firearm or component parts without a license.
- Mandate the reporting of 3D printed guns to the Criminal Gun Clearinghouse database maintained by the New York State Police.
- Create a first-in-the-nation policy that requires the establishment of minimum safety standards for 3D printer manufacturers to ensure their products are equipped with technology that blocks

the printer from creating firearms and component parts.

- Require gun manufacturers to design pistols so they cannot be quickly and easily modified into DIY machine guns through the use of illegal devices, such as Glock switches.

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**New York County District Attorney Alvin Bragg said,** “Homicides and shootings continue to decline across Manhattan because of our comprehensive approach to gun violence rooted in precision prosecution and prevention alongside the NYPD and crucial investments in public safety from the Governor. Yet as technology evolves, so does the widening threat of 3D-printed firearms, which requires decisive action. These illegal firearms are being manufactured in homes and used in crimes right now, which is why I have been working with my colleagues in Albany and the private sector over the past several years to stop their proliferation. Passing these measures will reduce crime and strengthen public safety for all New Yorkers, and I thank Governor Hochul for her continued leadership and collaboration.”

**Richmond County District Attorney Michael E. McMahon said,** "The proliferation of ghost guns and rapid-fire modification devices on our streets pose a clear and present danger to our neighbors, loved ones, and law enforcement officers. And while my office has successfully investigated and prosecuted countless ghost gun manufacturers, existing loopholes and shortcomings in our laws must be addressed to ensure the safety of all who call New York State home. The legislation outlined in Governor Hochul's proposal would undoubtedly lead to more effective investigations, stronger prosecutions in the courtroom, and safer communities for all New Yorkers, and I am proud to support these pro-public safety provisions. While Staten Island was proud to witness record lows in violent crime, including homicides and shootings in 2025, more must be done to protect our communities from the scourge of gun violence, and I commend Governor Hochul for her dedicated efforts to protect residents across the Empire State from 3D-printed firearms and other dangerous and illegal weapons.”

**Superintendent of the New York State Police Steven G. James said,** “As technology evolves, so do the threats we face. These proposals give law enforcement the tools we need to address the growing danger posed by 3D-printed and illegally modified firearms, while strengthening our ability to track, investigate, and prevent gun violence. Governor Hochul’s leadership ensures New York

remains at the forefront of public safety, and the New York State Police stands ready to work with our partners to enforce these measures and keep our communities safe.”

**Moms Demand Action Executive Director Angela Ferrell-Zabala said,** “New York has always led the way in the fight to save lives and protect communities by passing some of the strongest gun safety laws in the nation. That’s why we’re here today to meet these emerging threats head on. Prevention means stopping violence before it happens. And accountability means requiring the industry to be part of the solution. Governor Hochul’s proposal to set clear safety standards for manufacturers of guns and 3D printers addresses both, and will help stop illegal weapons like DIY machine guns before they reach our communities. Thank you, Governor, for showing the country what it looks like when a state takes gun violence prevention seriously.”

**State Senator Zellnor Myrie said,** "Communities like mine are facing a gun violence crisis. Yet with a 3D printer or a \$25 part and a screwdriver, people can easily make DIY machine guns to get around our laws. I'm grateful to Governor Hochul for leading this fight, and look forward to working with her to keep our streets, subways and schools safe from dangerous and illegal weapons."

**State Senator Cordell Cleare said,** "As a legislator who has been working tirelessly to solve the infiltration of 'Ghost' and '3D Printer' guns for years, I commend the Governor's exacting focus on this issue. It is heartbreaking when new technology is used to destroy rather than to build up our communities. I support the initiatives mentioned and will be a partner in enacting these public safety and public health measures."

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**State Senator Patricia Fahy said,** "Ghost guns and pistol converters have no place on our streets or in our Capital Region communities—they are dangerous, untraceable, and all too often, incredibly easy to make and acquire. By banning the use of 3-D printers to create Ghost Guns and prohibiting the use of pistol converters, we are once again positioning New York State to take strong and nation-leading action to protect our communities and neighbors from the scourge of gun violence. New York has some of the strongest gun laws on the books and has historically and continuously led the nation in the fight against gun violence, combining strong protections with significant

investments in community-based solutions that disrupt cycles of violence. I want to thank Governor Kathy Hochul and my legislative partners in the State Legislature for our work in continuing to crack down on the use of ghost guns, and other accessories that have no other purpose but to unleash the maximum amount of damage in our communities in the shortest amount of time."

**Assemblymember Linda Rosenthal said,** "The proliferation of untraceable firearms has allowed gun violence to fester, complicating the efforts of law enforcement agencies in getting these dangerous and illegal weapons off our streets. In 2021, my legislation banning the sale and possession of ghost guns became law and I am proud that Governor Hochul will be including other legislation I sponsor to crack down on 3-D printed guns in her 2026-27 state budget proposal. People should not have the ability to build weapons of war from their couch, and my legislation will prevent criminals from getting their hands on 3-D printed gun parts and the files used to create them."

**Assemblymember John T. McDonald III, RPh said,** "3D-printed ghost guns have no place in our society. While individuals have the right to own firearms, it is critical for a safe and civil society that everyone follows the law to ensure firearms are used responsibly. Governor Hochul's proposal is a necessary and commonsense safety check that will build on proven efforts like GIVE and help continue improving public safety in our communities."

**Assemblymember Gabriella A. Romero said,** "I care deeply about addressing gun violence, and these proposals take a top-to-bottom approach to ensuring there are no gaps in our laws that leave New Yorkers vulnerable to gun violence - especially when it comes to ghost guns and illegal modifications. We need to use every tool in our toolbox to keep our communities safe, and New York is once again leading the way with legislation that protects people. Strong, thoughtful action that prioritizes public safety will help ensure the safety of my constituents in the 109th Assembly District and New Yorkers throughout the state. I look forward to working with the Governor and my colleagues in the legislature to advance creative solutions that not only stop illegal guns, but also address the root causes of gun violence."

**Assemblymember Michaelle C. Solages said,** "Machine guns are weapons of war with no place in our neighborhoods. While New York has long prohibited these rapid-fire weapons, 'Glock switches' have created a deadly shortcut to mass tragedy. We cannot allow design flaws to turn our streets into battlefields. I am proud to sponsor this legislation, and I thank Governor Hochul for making this life-saving measure a top priority in her State of the State."

**Assemblymember Monique Chandler-Waterman said,** "We are ecstatic that New York is taking decisive action to stop the rise of 3D-printed and addressing modifying guns into illegal machine firearms before they cost more lives. These proposals close dangerous loopholes, hold manufacturers accountable, and ensure law enforcement has the tools needed to keep our communities safe. As the Co-Chair of the NYS BPHA Subcommittee on Anti-Gun Violence along with

my colleagues, advocates, non-profits cure violence and CMS groups we have remained committed to supporting fellow leaders and communities with resources to address this ongoing public health crisis through state assembly legislation, the creation of the NYS Office of Gun Violence Protection, and providing thousands in more funding to victims of gun violence through the NYS Office of Victim Services.”

**Manhattan Borough President Brad Hoylman-Sigal said:** "I am elated that Governor Hochul will champion this necessary and life-saving gun safety legislative effort this year. As a State Senator, I was proud to pass the Jose Webster Untraceable Firearms Act alongside Assemblymember Linda Rosenthal to ban the possession and distribution of ghost guns. With Governor Hochul and Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins' leadership, the Act allowed the NYPD to remove thousands of ghost guns from our streets, including 438 in 2024. However, with the rising popularity of 3D printers, more action is needed to combat illegal ghost gun manufacturing. I look forward to continuing to wholeheartedly support Governor Hochul in these efforts in my new position as Manhattan Borough President."

### **Preventing Gun Violence in New York**

Since taking office, Governor Hochul has invested \$1.27 billion in gun violence prevention initiatives. The FY 2026 Budget included \$347 million in funding for these initiatives. Recent program allocations have included:

- **\$36 million** for the Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) initiative, which currently provides equipment, overtime, and personnel, as well as comprehensive, focused training and technical assistance to 28 police departments outside of New York City and their county law enforcement partners: district attorneys’ offices, probation departments and sheriffs’ offices.
- **\$20.7 million** to support SNUG Street Outreach programs that work to reduce gun violence and save lives across New York State. These grants to community-based organizations and hospitals fund outreach workers, hospital responders, social workers and case managers who are credible messengers and work with individuals at risk of gun violence, connecting them with support and services to change behavior and increase opportunities.
- **\$20 million** to support programs and services that strengthen violence prevention, youth development, mental health supports, and economic opportunity for young people in 10 communities statewide through Project RISE (Respond, Invest, Sustain, Empower).
- **\$40.6 million** for the Youth Employment Program, which aims to help reduce community gun violence and youth criminal justice involvement by providing year-round employment and training opportunities to at-risk youth in parts of the state, outside of New York City, most impacted by gun violence.
- **\$127 million** for law enforcement technology grants to modernize law enforcement technology and equipment and help local law enforcement agencies prevent and solve crimes, particularly violent crimes by firearms and crimes of community concern.

During the first 11 months of last year, communities participating in GIVE reported 477 shooting incidents with injury, the fewest reported since the state began tracking this data. This represents a 60 percent decline in shooting incidents with injury as compared to the same time in 2021, and a 15 percent reduction compared to 2024.

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## Translations

### Arabic Translation

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### Bengali Translation

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### Chinese Translation

中文翻譯

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### French Translation

Traduction en français

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### **Haitian-Creole Translation**

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### **Italian Translation**

Traduzione italiana

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### **Korean Translation**

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### **Polish Translation**

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### **Russian Translation**

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### **Spanish Translation**

Traducción al español



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### Urdu Translation

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### Yiddish Translation

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