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As many have pointed out, age seems to be an arbitrary thing. The responsible age of making decisions seem to range all over the place. Voting, smoking, drinking, registering for the selective service, abortion, the right to take body changing hormones, driving, renting a car, possessing a rifle, possessing a handgun, etc., all have varying ages associated with what we believe to be a good age where people can make sound decisions.

In this case, we are looking into changing the age where a person can possess a rifle without BEING A FELON, to an age beyond that of military service. Why? Do we think that this will magically stop shootings? Are shootings not already illegal? Most of these young adults who commit crimes with rifles steal the rifles, usually from a relative, but only occasionally do they legally purchase a firearm. Are we ignorant enough to believe that people filled with hatred and mental health issues will be swayed by this law? No. Nobody believes that. This is purely a "feel good" bill that will only effect those who willingly obey the law. People who commit these shootings do not fall in that category. Young people who compete in shooting sports, hunt or practice prior to their military service do fall into this category. This bill, while constitutionally questionable (both the second amendment as well as most certainly age discrimination), will most certainly place undue burden on a class of people who are law abiding citizens.

Please look beyond the "feel good" of this bill and look at who it actually effects.  
Please oppose this bill