

State-by-State Magazine Capacity Checklist

A quick-reference guide to current magazine capacity limits. Laws in this area are changing fast in 2026, so treat this as a starting point, not a final answer. Always confirm the current, enforced limit for your destination before you travel or buy.

State	Limit	Status Notes (as of July 17, 2026)	Verify Before Travel
California	10 rounds	Ban upheld by 9th Circuit en banc. Cert petition pending at SCOTUS in Duncan v. Bonta; no decision yet on whether it will be heard.	
Colorado	15 rounds (Boulder: 10)	DOJ filed suit May 6, 2026 challenging the statewide ban. Pre-2013 magazines grandfathered.	
Connecticut	10 rounds	Grandfather provision for magazines owned before Jan. 1, 2014. New purchases banned.	
Delaware	17 rounds	Military, law enforcement, and Section 1441 CCW permit holders exempt.	
Washington, D.C.	10 rounds	Reinstated April 22, 2026: full D.C. Court of Appeals vacated the March 2026 panel ruling and granted en banc rehearing. Ban is enforced now, pending re-argument.	
Hawaii	10 rounds (handguns)	Applies to handgun magazines only.	
Illinois	10 rounds (rifles) 15 rounds (handguns)	Ban upheld by the 7th Circuit in Barnett v. Raoul, July 9, 2026. Plaintiffs plan a Supreme Court petition.	
Maryland	10 rounds	Possession generally legal; sale and transfer restricted. Active and retired LEOs exempt.	
Massachusetts	10 rounds	Grandfather provision for magazines owned before Sept. 13, 1994.	
New Jersey	10 rounds	Military, law enforcement, and registered competitive shooters exempt.	
New York	10 rounds	Magazines obtained after Jan. 15, 2013 capped at 10 rounds; narrower pre-2013 grandfather rules apply to older magazines.	
Rhode Island	10 rounds	Ban in effect since 2022. Non-compliant magazines had to be modified, surrendered, or transferred out of state by Jan. 1, 2023.	
Vermont	15 rounds (handguns)	Grandfather provision for magazines lawfully possessed on or before April 11, 2018.	
Virginia	15 rounds	New as of July 1, 2026 under SB 749: bans future sale, manufacture, and transfer of magazines over 15 rounds. Magazines lawfully owned before July 1, 2026 are grandfathered. Facing active legal challenges.	
Washington	10 rounds	Manufacture, import, distribution, and sale of magazines over 10 rounds prohibited.	

How to Use This Checklist

Check the box next to any state on your travel route or in your daily-carry state. Confirm the current limit against an official source (state attorney general or state police site) before you rely on it, since several of these laws are under active litigation and can change with little notice.

Currently Contested in Court

California (Duncan v. Bonta, cert pending), Illinois (Barnett v. Raoul, Supreme Court petition expected), Washington, D.C. (Benson v. United States, en banc rehearing pending), Colorado (DOJ lawsuit filed May 2026), and Virginia (SB 749 facing state and federal challenges) are all active right now. A ruling in any of these could change the table above before your next trip.

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