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**An Act to Update the Statutory Definition of "Machine Gun" and  
Prohibit Possession of a Rapid-fire Device**

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative LEE of Auburn and  
Senators: DUSON of Cumberland, LAWRENCE of York, RAFFERTY of York, ROTUNDO  
of Androscoggin, Representatives: BECK of South Portland, DOUDERA of Camden,  
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, SACHS of Freeport.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1051, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499, §1, is repealed  
3 and the following enacted in its place:

4 **2.** As used in this chapter, "machine gun" means:

5 A. A weapon of any description, by whatever name known, loaded or unloaded, that  
6 is capable of discharging a number of projectiles in rapid succession by one manual or  
7 mechanical action on the trigger or firing mechanism; or

8 B. Any part designed and intended solely and exclusively, or combination of parts  
9 designed and intended, for use in converting a weapon into a machine gun, including,  
10 but not limited to:

11 (1) A device that, when installed in or attached to a firearm, allows the firearm to  
12 discharge 2 or more shots with a single pull of the trigger;

13 (2) A device that applies force to a firearm's trigger bar to prevent it from limiting  
14 the weapon to firing only one round each time the trigger is depressed; or

15 (3) A power-driven device that, when installed in or attached to a firearm,  
16 repeatedly activates the trigger of the firearm through the use of a crank, a lever or  
17 any other part that is turned in a circular motion.

18 **Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §1060** is enacted to read:

19 **§1060. Possession of rapid-fire device**

20 **1.** A person is guilty of possession of a rapid-fire device if, without authority to do so,  
21 that person knowingly possesses a rapid-fire device.

22 **2.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms  
23 have the following meanings.

24 A. "Rapid-fire device" means a device, part or combination of parts that is not a  
25 machine gun and that materially increases the rate of fire of a semi-automatic firearm  
26 above the rate of fire of the semi-automatic firearm absent the device, part or  
27 combination of parts, including, but not limited to:

28 (1) A device that, when installed in or attached to a firearm, increases the rate of  
29 fire of the firearm by using energy from the recoil of the firearm to generate a  
30 reciprocating action that facilitates repeated activation of the trigger;

31 (2) A device that, when installed in or attached to a firearm, fires both when the  
32 trigger is pulled and on release of the trigger; or

33 (3) A manual device that, when installed in or attached to a firearm, repeatedly  
34 activates the trigger of the firearm through the use of a crank, a lever or any other  
35 part that is turned in a circular motion.

36 **B.** "Semi-automatic firearm" means a firearm that:

37 (1) Upon the initiation of the firing sequence, fires the first chambered cartridge  
38 and uses a portion of the energy of the firing cartridge to:

39 (a) Extract the expended cartridge case;

