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An Act to Prohibit the Sale or Possession of Rapid-fire Modification Devices

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative SACHS of Freeport.
Cosponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and
Representatives: BOYLE of Gorham, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DOUDERA of Camden,
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MADIGAN of Waterville, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth,
WHITE of Waterville, ZAGER of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1060** is enacted to read:

3 **§1060. Possession of rapid-fire modification device**

4 **1. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms**
5 **have the following meanings.**

6 **A. "Binary trigger system" means a device that, when installed in or attached to a semi-**
7 **automatic firearm, causes the firearm to fire once when the trigger is pulled and again**
8 **when the trigger is released.**

9 **B. "Bump stock device" means a device or instrument that increases the rate of fire**
10 **achievable with a semi-automatic firearm by using energy from the recoil of the firearm**
11 **to generate a reciprocating action that facilitates repeated activation of the trigger.**

12 **C. "Burst trigger system" means a device that, when installed in or attached to a semi-**
13 **automatic firearm, alters the trigger reset to allow the firearm to discharge 2 or more**
14 **shots with a single pull of the trigger.**

15 **D. "Rapid-fire modification device" means a binary trigger system, bump stock device,**
16 **burst trigger system, trigger crank or any other device that is designed to accelerate the**
17 **rate of fire of a semi-automatic firearm.**

18 **E. "Semi-automatic firearm" means a firearm that is able to fire repeatedly through an**
19 **automatic reloading process but requires release and another pull of the trigger for each**
20 **successive shot.**

21 **F. "Trigger crank" means a device or instrument that repeatedly activates the trigger of**
22 **a semi-automatic firearm through the use of a crank, lever or other part that is turned**
23 **in a circular motion to accelerate the rate of fire of the firearm. "Trigger crank" does**
24 **not include a firearm that is originally designed and manufactured to fire through the**
25 **use of a crank or lever.**

26 **2. A person is guilty of possession of a rapid-fire modification device if the person**
27 **knowingly possesses, imports into the State or transfers, distributes, sells or gives to**
28 **another person a rapid-fire modification device.**

29 **3. Possession of a rapid-fire modification device is a Class D crime.**

30 **SUMMARY**

31 This bill makes the possession, transfer, distribution, sale or importation into the State
32 of a rapid-fire modification device a Class D crime. A rapid-fire modification device is a
33 binary trigger system, bump stock device, burst trigger system, trigger crank or any other
34 device that is designed to accelerate the rate of fire of a semi-automatic firearm.