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

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

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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.