

HOUSE BILL 1577

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4,  
Chapter 54; Section 38-3-119 and Title 39,  
Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to firearms.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1301, is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

( ) "Semi-automatic rifle" means any repeating rifle which utilizes a portion of the energy of a firing cartridge to extract the fired cartridge case and chamber the next round, and which requires a separate function of the trigger to fire each projectile;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1302, is amended by adding the following new subdivision (a)(8):

(8) A semi-automatic rifle that is equipped, altered, or modified to include any part, combination of parts, component, device, attachment, or accessory, the possession or use of which is prohibited by § 39-17-1328(a);

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1302, is amended by deleting from subdivision (f)(2) the language "(a)(2)-(4)" and substituting instead the language "(a)(2)-(4) or (8)".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, is amended by adding the following new section 39-17-1328:

(a) Notwithstanding a law to the contrary, it is an offense to knowingly purchase, use, possess, or attempt to purchase, use, or possess a trigger crank, bump stock, bump-fire device, or any other part, combination of parts, component, device, attachment, or accessory that is designed or functions to accelerate the rate of fire of a

semi-automatic rifle but which does not convert the semi-automatic rifle into a machine gun.

(b) It is an offense to knowingly manufacture, sell, offer for sale, or display for sale in this state any part, combination of parts, component, device, attachment, or accessory, the possession or use of which is prohibited by subsection (a).

(c) A violation of subsection (a) or (b) is a Class E felony.

SECTION 5. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to semi-automatic rifles as described in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1302(a)(8), manufactured, transported, repaired, or sold and devices described in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1328, purchased or used on or after July 1, 2023.