

S.160

Introduced by Senator Baruth

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Criminal and civil procedures; firearms

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit the possession of machine guns and rapid-fire devices that permit a weapon to function as or mimic a machine gun.

An act relating to firearms procedures

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 4022 is amended to read:

§ 4022. BUMP-FIRE STOCKS; MACHINE GUNS; RAPID-FIRE

DEVICES; POSSESSION PROHIBITED

(a) As used in this section:

(1) ~~“bump-fire stock”~~ “Bump-fire stock” means a butt stock designed to be attached to a semiautomatic firearm and intended to increase the rate of fire achievable with the firearm to that of a fully automatic firearm by using the energy from the recoil of the firearm to generate a reciprocating action that facilitates the repeated activation of the trigger.

1 (2) “Auto sear” means a device, other than a bump stock, designed to
2 convert a semiautomatic firearm to shoot more than one shot with a single pull
3 of the trigger without manual reloading.

4 (3) “Machine gun” means any weapon that shoots, is designed to shoot,
5 or can be readily restored to shoot automatically more than one shot without
6 manual reloading, by a single function of the trigger. “Machine gun” also
7 includes the frame or receiver of any such weapon; any part designed and
8 intended solely and exclusively, or combination of parts designed and
9 intended, for use in converting a weapon into a machine gun; and any
10 combination of parts from which a machine gun can be assembled if the parts
11 are in the possession or under the control of a person.

12 (4) “Rapid-fire device” means any device, including an auto sear, that
13 when installed in or attached to a firearm increases the weapon’s rate of fire or
14 the rate at which the trigger is activated.

15 (b) A person shall not possess a bump-fire stock, machine gun, or rapid-fire
16 device. A person who violates this subsection shall be imprisoned not more
17 than one year or fined not more than \$1,000.00, or both.

18 (c) The Department of Public Safety shall develop, promote, and execute a
19 collection process that permits persons to voluntarily and anonymously
20 relinquish bump-fire stocks prior to ~~the effective date of this section~~ October 1,
21 2018.

- 1 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE
- 2 This act shall take effect on passage.