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2 Representative LaLonde of South Burlington moves that the bill be  
3 amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu  
4 thereof the following:

5 Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 2501 is amended to read:

6 § 2501. GRAND LARCENY

7 (a) A person who steals from the actual or constructive possession of  
8 another, other than from his or her person, money, goods, chattels, bank notes,  
9 bonds, promissory notes, bills of exchange or other bills, orders, or certificates,  
10 or a book of accounts for or concerning money, or goods due or to become due  
11 or to be delivered, or a deed or writing containing a conveyance of land, or any  
12 other valuable contract in force, or a receipt, release or defeasance, writ,  
13 process, or public record, shall be imprisoned not more than 10 years or fined  
14 not more than \$5,000.00, or both, if:

15 (1) the money or other property stolen exceeds \$900.00 in value; or

16 (2) the property stolen is a firearm of any value.

17 (b) As used in this section, “firearm” has the same meaning as in section  
18 4016 of this title.

19 Sec. 2. 13 V.S.A. § 4017 is amended to read:

20 § 4017. PERSONS PROHIBITED FROM POSSESSING FIREARMS;

21 CONVICTION OF VIOLENT CRIME

1 (a) A person shall not possess a firearm if the person has been convicted of  
2 a violent crime.

3 (b) A person who violates this section shall:

4 (1) for a first offense, be imprisoned not more than two years or fined  
5 not more than \$1,000.00, or both; or

6 (2) for a second or subsequent offense, be imprisoned not more than  
7 three years or fined not more than \$5,000.00, or both.

8 (c) This section shall not apply to a person who is exempt from federal  
9 firearms restrictions under 18 U.S.C. § 925(c).

10 (d) As used in this section:

11 (1)(A) “Firearm” means:

12 (i) any weapon (including a starter gun) that will or is designed to  
13 or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive;

14 (ii) the frame or receiver of any such weapon; or

15 (iii) any firearm muffler or firearm silencer.

16 (B) “Firearm” shall not include an antique firearm.

17 (2) “Antique firearm” means:

18 (A) Any firearm (including any firearm with a matchlock, flintlock,  
19 percussion cap, or similar type of ignition system) manufactured in or before

20 1898.

1           (B) Any replica of any firearm described in subdivision (A) of this  
2 subdivision (2) if the replica:

3           (i) is not designed or redesigned for using rimfire or conventional  
4 centerfire fixed ammunition; or

5           (ii) uses rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition that  
6 is no longer manufactured in the United States and that is not readily available  
7 in the ordinary channels of commercial trade.

8           (C) Any muzzle loading rifle, muzzle loading shotgun, or muzzle  
9 loading pistol that is designed to use black powder or a black powder substitute  
10 and that cannot use fixed ammunition. As used in this subdivision (C),  
11 “antique firearm” shall not include a weapon that incorporates a firearm frame  
12 or receiver, a firearm that is converted into a muzzle loading weapon, or any  
13 muzzle loading weapon that can be readily converted to fire fixed ammunition  
14 by replacing the barrel, bolt, breechblock, or any combination thereof.

15           (3) “Violent crime” means:

16           (A)(i) A listed crime as defined in subdivision 5301(7) of this title  
17 other than:

18           (I) lewd or lascivious conduct as defined in section 2601 of this  
19 title;

20           (II) recklessly endangering another person as defined in section  
21 1025 of this title;

1 (III) operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or other  
2 substance with either death or serious bodily injury resulting as defined in 23  
3 V.S.A. § 1210(f) and (g);

4 (IV) careless or negligent operation resulting in serious bodily  
5 injury or death as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 1091(b);

6 (V) leaving the scene of an accident resulting in serious bodily  
7 injury or death as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 1128(b) or (c); or

8 (VI) a misdemeanor violation of chapter 28 of this title, relating  
9 to abuse, neglect, and exploitation of vulnerable adults; or

10 (ii) a comparable offense and sentence in another jurisdiction if  
11 the offense prohibits the person from possessing a firearm under 18 U.S.C.  
12 § 922(g)(1) or 18 U.S.C. § 921(a)(20).

13 (B) An offense involving sexual exploitation of children in violation  
14 of chapter 64 of this title; or a comparable offense and sentence in another  
15 jurisdiction if the offense prohibits the person from possessing a firearm under  
16 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1) or 18 U.S.C. § 921(a)(20).

17 (C) A violation of 18 V.S.A. § 4231(b)(2), (b)(3), or (c) (selling,  
18 dispensing, or trafficking cocaine); 4232(b)(2) or (b)(3) (selling or dispensing  
19 LSD); 4233(b)(2), (b)(3), or (c) (selling, dispensing, or trafficking heroin);  
20 4234(b)(2) or (b)(3) (selling or dispensing depressants, stimulants, and  
21 narcotics); 4234a(b)(2), (b)(3), or (c) (selling, dispensing, or trafficking

1 methamphetamine); 4235(c)(2) or (c)(3) (selling or dispensing hallucinogenic  
2 drugs); 4235a(b)(2) or (b)(3) (selling or dispensing Ecstasy), or a comparable  
3 offense and sentence in another jurisdiction if the offense prohibits the person  
4 from possessing a firearm under 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1) or 18 U.S.C.  
5 § 921(a)(20).

6 (D) A conviction of possession with intent to distribute a controlled  
7 substance other than cannabis in another jurisdiction if the offense prohibits the  
8 person from possessing a firearm under 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1) or 18 U.S.C.  
9 § 921(a)(20).

10 Sec. 3. 13 V.S.A. § 4017a is amended to read:

11 § 4017a. FUGITIVES FROM JUSTICE; PERSONS SUBJECT TO FINAL  
12 RELIEF FROM ABUSE OR STALKING ORDER; PERSONS  
13 CHARGED WITH CERTAIN OFFENSES; PROHIBITION ON  
14 POSSESSION OF FIREARMS

15 (a) A person shall not possess a firearm if the person:

16 (1) is a fugitive from justice;

17 (2) is the subject of a final relief from abuse order issued pursuant to  
18 15 V.S.A. § 1103;

19 (3) is the subject of a final order against stalking issued pursuant to  
20 12 V.S.A. § 5133 if the order prohibits the person from possessing a firearm;

21 ~~or~~

1           (4) is a person against whom charges are pending for:

2           (A) carrying a dangerous weapon while committing a felony in  
3 violation of section 4005 of this title;

4           (B) trafficking a regulated drug in violation of 18 V.S.A. chapter 84,  
5 subchapter 1; or

6           (C) human trafficking or aggravated human trafficking in violation of  
7 section 2652 or 2653 of this title; or

8           (5)(A) has been found by the court to be a person in need of treatment  
9 pursuant to section 4822 of this title and:

10           (i) not guilty by reason of insanity of a violent crime as defined in  
11 section 4017 of this title; or

12           (i) incompetent to stand trial for an offense listed in subdivision  
13 (a)(4) of this section;

14           (B) is the subject of a commitment order issued by the court pursuant  
15 to section 4822 of this title and the offense charged was not a violent crime; or

16           (C) is the subject of a hospitalization order issued by the court  
17 pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 7617(b)(1) or (2) or a nonhospitalization order issued  
18 by the court pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 7617(b)(3).

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1 (b) A person who violates this section shall:

2 (1) for a first offense, be imprisoned not more than two years or fined  
3 not more than \$1,000.00, or both; or

4 (2) for a second or subsequent offense, be imprisoned not more than  
5 three years or fined not more than \$5,000.00, or both.

6 (c) As used in this section:

7 (1) “Firearm” has the same meaning as in section 4017 of this title.

8 (2) “Fugitive from justice” means a person who has fled to avoid  
9 prosecution for a crime or to avoid giving testimony in a criminal proceeding.

10 Sec. 4. 13 V.S.A. § 4022 is amended to read:

11 § 4022. BUMP-FIRE STOCKS; AUTO SEARS; RAPID-FIRE  
12 DEVICES; POSSESSION PROHIBITED

13 (a) As used in this section:

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

19 (2) “Auto sear” means a device, other than a bump stock, designed to  
20 convert a semi-automatic firearm to shoot more than one shot with a single pull  
21 of the trigger without manual reloading.

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

4           (b) A person shall not possess a bump-fire stock, auto sear, or rapid-fire  
5           device. A person who violates this subsection shall be imprisoned not more  
6           than one year or fined not more than \$1,000.00, or both.

7           (c) The Department of Public Safety shall develop, promote, and execute a  
8           collection process that permits persons to voluntarily and anonymously  
9           relinquish bump-fire stocks prior to ~~the effective date of this section~~ October 1,  
10          2018.

11          Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

12          This act shall take effect on passage.

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