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### **An Act To Amend the Definition of "Machine Gun" To Include Bump Stock 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 DOUDERA of Camden.  
Cosponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland and  
Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, OSHER of Orono, RECKITT of South Portland, SACHS  
of Freeport.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17-A MRS §1051, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499, §1, is amended  
3 to read:

4 **2.** As used in this chapter, "machine gun" means a weapon of any description, by  
5 whatever name known, loaded or unloaded, ~~which~~ that is capable of discharging a number  
6 of projectiles in rapid succession by one manual or mechanical action on the trigger or  
7 firing mechanism, including a weapon to which a bump stock device is affixed. For  
8 purposes of this subsection, "bump stock device" means a device that allows a firearm to  
9 discharge more than one projectile with a single mechanical action on the trigger by  
10 harnessing the recoil energy of the firearm to which the bump stock device is affixed so  
11 that the trigger resets and the firearm continues firing without additional physical  
12 manipulation of the trigger.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill amends the definition of "machine gun" to include a weapon to which a bump  
15 stock device is affixed. Possession of a machine gun is a Class D crime. A bump stock  
16 device is defined as a device that allows a firearm to discharge more than one projectile  
17 with a single mechanical action on the trigger by harnessing the recoil energy of the firearm  
18 to which the bump stock device is affixed so that the trigger resets and the firearm continues  
19 firing without additional physical manipulation of the trigger.