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An Act to Change the Definition of "Machine Gun" in the Maine Criminal Code

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Senator: HARRINGTON of York, Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, HENDERSON of
Rumford, MORRIS of Turner, POIRIER of Skowhegan, WHITE of Guilford.

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 is capable of discharging a number of~~
6 ~~projectiles in rapid succession by one manual or mechanical action on the trigger or firing~~
7 ~~mechanism.~~ that shoots, is designed to shoot or can be readily restored to shoot
8 automatically more than one shot by a single function of the trigger without manually
9 reloading. "Machine gun" includes:

10 A. The frame or receiver of a weapon described in this subsection. For purposes of
11 this paragraph, "frame" means the housing of a firearm that surrounds the receiver and
12 "receiver" means the rotor, bolts and firing mechanism of a firearm;

13 B. A part or combination of parts designed and intended solely to convert a weapon
14 into a weapon described in this subsection; or

15 C. Any combination of parts, if the parts are collected together in one group, from
16 which a weapon described in this subsection can be assembled.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill redefines "machine gun" for provisions of the Maine Criminal Code governing
19 offenses involving weapons. The new definition describes a weapon that shoots
20 automatically more than one shot and includes parts of a machine gun or a combination of
21 parts from which a machine gun could be assembled.