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An Act To Amend the Definition of "Machine Gun" To Include Bump Stock Devices

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

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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.

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

- **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1051, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499, §1, is amended to read:
- 2. As used in this chapter, "machine gun" means a weapon of any description, by whatever name known, loaded or unloaded, which that is capable of discharging a number of projectiles in rapid succession by one manual or mechanical action on the trigger or firing mechanism, including a weapon to which a bump stock device is affixed. For purposes of this subsection, "bump stock device" means a device that allows a firearm to discharge more than one projectile with a single mechanical action on the trigger by harnessing the recoil energy of the firearm to which the bump stock device is affixed so that the trigger resets and the firearm continues firing without additional physical manipulation of the trigger.

13 SUMMARY

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