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LD 677

I'm writing in opposition to LD 677 - An Act to Update the Statutory Definition of "Machine Gun" and Prohibit Possession of a Rapid-fire Device.

Federal law: Section 5845(b) of the NFA defines "machinegun" as "any weapon which shoots, is designed to shoot, or can be readily restored to shoot, automatically more than one shot, without manual reloading, by a single function of the trigger.

By definition, a semi-automatic firearm is not a machine. Any device or gimmick that may increase the rate of fire doesn't magically make a semi-automatic firearm a machine gun.

The U.S. Constitution declares that federal law is "the supreme law of the land." As a result, when a federal law conflicts with a state or local law, the federal law will supersede the other law or laws.

This bill is unconstitutional and goes against current federal law. I urge the committee to vote "Ought Not To Pass" on LD 677.