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It is time for Maine legislators to enact a law to prohibit rapid-fire devices and machine gun conversion assemblies that can turn a gun into a fully automatic firearm capable of discharging ammunition at a rate that can rapidly mow down a crowd of people. More than 20 states already have banned such devices as bump stocks, auto sears and switches that have been used to convert guns in several mass shootings. Law enforcement agencies across the US report that these devices, which are cheap and can even be 3-D printed, are more and more recovered from shootings.

Machine guns are weapons of war with no other purpose than to kill people on the battlefield. Sadly they have come into neighborhoods and have been used to take many innocent lives in schools, at concerts, on the streets. We may think we Mainers live removed from these tragedies, but I’m sure most of us here still feel the fear and sadness of the Lewiston mass shooting just a short time ago.

States that have limited magazine capacity have experienced mass shootings at half the rate of states without the limitations. This bill is about reducing the risk for gun violence in our Maine communities and saving lives.

I urge the committee to vote unanimously **OUGHT TO PASS on LD 677.**

Thank you for serving the people of Maine in the legislature.

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