

LD 1340 An Act to Prohibit the Sale or Possession of Rapid-fire Modification Devices

Memorandum of Opposition

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To: Honorable Members of the Committee On Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

From: Jonathan Martell

RE: LD 1340 An Act to Prohibit the Sale or Possession of Rapid-fire Modification Devices

Members of the committee, I would like to express my Opposition of LD 1340 An Act to Prohibit the Sale or Possession of Rapid-fire Modification Devices

My Name is Jonathan Martell. I am a Sanford City Councilor, Head of The Southern Maine Chapter for Gun Owners of Maine, Legislative Officer for Sanford Springvale Fish and Game Club and NRA Member.

This is another attempt to ban items that the author has not fully defined and does not understand. None of these devices make a firearm fire faster, nor do they make it fire fully automatic. Fully automatic firearms are already controlled under the National Firearms Act, and illegal to make.

The devices mentioned still only fire one round with one activation of the trigger. Bump firing is nothing more than rapid activation of the trigger and can be done with a trigger finger. No other devices are necessary.

Binary Triggers have been approved by the ATF and only fire with one action of the trigger.

Bump Stocks still only use a single action of trigger

Burst Trigger System is wrongly defined as is still using a single action of the trigger, and does not cause automatic fire. Anything firing 2 or more rounds with a single trigger pull is defined as a machine gun under the National Firearms Act, and is already to produce.

Rapid-fire modification device attempts to lump multiple items together. This is wrong as the cyclic rate of fire is determined by physics of the firing mechanism, gas system, bolt design, cartridge pressure and other factors. It is not determined by how fast someone can pull a trigger.

Trigger crank is still a single action of the trigger, and again does not actually make the firearm fire faster.

Crank firearms have been around since the 1700's, and are strangely exempted from this legislation. A crank on a 22 for plinking at the range would be illegal, but a 45-70 Gattling gun is still ok?

The technical inaccuracies and blatant attempt to infringe on firearm rights and accessories that do not make a semi automatic firearm fire any faster or make it more dangerous should be reason enough to reject this legislation. Those submitting this legislation should at least understand what they are trying to ban. Clearly the author does not.

Again, the Maine Constitution should be pointed out that this is an infringement on my right to keep and bear arms without question. Please uphold your oath, and vote ought not to pass for LD 1340 An Act to Prohibit the Sale or Possession of Rapid-fire Modification Devices.

Sincerely,

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