

LD 677 An Act to update the Statutory Definition of “Machine Gun” and Prohibit Possession of Rapid -Fire Devices

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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn

Members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is David Fitz. I'm from Cumberland, Maine, where I've lived for 45 years. I'm a husband, father, grandfather, a gun owner, hunter, fisherman, and a retired surgeon.

I'm very much in favor of LD 677, in hopes that we can pass this legislation to make Maine and the whole country safer. Rapid-fire devices have no practical value other than “recreational amusement,” or as killing machines. I welcome you all to go on YouTube to watch! “Franklin Armory Binary Trigger Faster Than Full Auto.” There are many videos published on YouTube Describing how “cool” these add-on devices are, comparing them favorably to automatic weapons. Franklin Armory manufactures many such devices for any caliber weapon.

Firearm manufacturers also make magazine couplers which connect 2 magazines and allow for very rapid change. Hightower Armory advertises: “Just release, spin, and reinsert the coupler.” This doubles the magazine capacity. Add a “Triple Mag Drop Leg BX Magazine Carrier” and a “Belt Magazine Carrier,” to make portable arsenal

capable of shooting 600 rounds per minute (30 rounds in under 3 seconds in the above referenced video).

Everyone knows how a bump stock works. It is an amusing curiosity for some gun enthusiasts, but has no practical value.

It is suggested that these frightening add-on devices could possibly be used by disabled hunters: they are not at all practical because of legal limits on magazine capacity while hunting. I have yet to see or hear of a disabled hunter using one.

Please vote "ought to pass" for this bill, and ignore the absolute nonsense and misinformation proposed by the gun lobby.

Thank you

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