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I oppose LD 976 "An Act To Amend the Definition of "Machine Gun" To Include Bump Stock Devices".

As I understand it, this bill, if enacted into law, 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.

On December 26th, 2018, the Department of Justice, through regulation, classified "bump-stock-type devices" as "machine guns" under the National Firearms Act, and regulated them accordingly.

With that being said, this legislation is duplicative, unneeded, and is already covered under federal law. This is a bill containing a solution looking for a problem that doesn't exist here in Maine.

This proposal is once again an attack on law-abiding Maine citizens, and a direct violation of our Maine Constitutional rights, specifically Article 1, Section 16: "To keep and bear arms. Every citizen has a right to keep and bear arms and this right shall never be questioned."

I oppose any bill intending to strip Maine citizens of our Constitutional rights.

Again, I oppose LD 976 "An Act To Amend the Definition of "Machine Gun" To Include Bump Stock Devices", and it "ought not to pass".