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Bump stocks were originally determined to not meet the ATF's & NFA's definition of a machine gun. In March, a federal court of appeals agreed that they do not meet the definition of a machine gun, which fires multiple bullets with a single pull of the trigger. A Bump Stock uses the recoil of the firearm to help pull the trigger repeatedly. It should also be noted that a bump stock is not necessary to bump fire a gun. A bump stock allows the shooter to better control the firearm as opposed to bump firing from the hip, which could result in accidents. While they may be a silly gimmick, their existence is a direct result of the regulations and high cost of ownership of transferable machine guns thanks to the National Firearms Act of 1934 and the Gun Control Act of 1986.