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LD 1340

I'm writing in opposition of LD 1340, "An Act to Prohibit the Sale or Possession of Rapid-fire Modification Devices."

This bill makes the possession, transfer, distribution, sale or importation into the State of a rapid-fire modification device a Class D crime. A rapid-fire modification device is a binary trigger system, bump stock device, burst trigger system, trigger crank or any other device that is designed to accelerate the rate of fire of a semi-automatic firearm.

Although these devices may increase the rate of fire, they don't change the fact that a semi-automatic firearm is still a semi-automatic firearm, not a fully-automatic firearm, as some would like to believe and as some will mislead the public into believing so. There are no Congressionally passed federal laws banning these devices, so why should you?

The 2nd Amendment to the US Constitution states that a well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed. Also, Article I, Section 16 of the Maine Constitution states that every citizen has a right to keep and bear arms and this right shall never be questioned.

I find all gun control laws to be a violation of both Constitutions and I urge the committee to vote "Ought Not to Pass" on LD 1340.

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