

SPONSOR AMENDMENT to LD 2086 An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Disposition of Forfeited Firearms

Sec. 1. 17-A MRS §1051, sub-§2 is amended to read:

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2. As used in this chapter, "machine gun" means:

A. A weapon of any description, by whatever name known, loaded or unloaded, that is capable of discharging a number of projectiles in rapid succession by one manual or mechanical operation on the trigger or firing mechanism;

B. A manual, power-driven or electronic device primarily designed or redesigned so that when the device is attached to a semi-automatic firearm, the device:

(1) Materially increases the rate of fire of the semi-automatic firearm; or

(2) Approximates the operation or rate of fire of a machine gun;

C. A device, part or combination of parts that is designed and functions to materially increase the rate of fire of a semi-automatic firearm by eliminating the need for the operator of the semi-automatic firearm to make a separate movement for each individual operation of the trigger; or

D. A semi-automatic firearm that has been modified in any way that:

(1) Materially increases the rate of fire of the semi-automatic firearm; or

(2) Approximates the action or rate of fire of a machine gun.

3. For purposes of this section, "semi-automatic firearm" means a firearm that:

A. Upon initiating the firing sequence, fires the first chambered cartridge and uses a portion of the energy of the firing cartridge to:

(1) Extract the expended cartridge case;

(2) Chamber the next round; and

(3) Prepare the firing mechanism to fire again;

B. Requires a separate operation of the trigger to fire each cartridge; and

C. Is not a machine gun.