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2021 SESSION

**HOUSE BILL 0638**

Public Safety – Untraceable and Undetectable Firearms

- **OPPOSED** -

Sirs -

In reference to:

5-701 (J) (2) “UNFINISHED FRAME OR RECEIVER ” INCLUDES A BLANK, CASTING , OR MACHINED BODY THAT REQUIRES MODIFICATION, SUCH AS MACHINING, DRILLING, FILING, OR MOLDING, TO BE USED AS PART OF A FUNCTIONAL FIREARM ,

May I direct your attention to a build thread on the Northeast Shooters forum where a shovel is transformed by machining, drilling, filing, and forging into a part of a functional firearm.

<https://www.northeastshooters.com/xen/threads/diy-shovel-ak-photo-tsunami-warning.179192/>

(photos on the above website may have been removed recently, but other sites contain a subset and many be located by searching for the term “shit shovel AK.” Apologies for the mild profanity, but technical accuracy is warranted in this case.)

<https://thehive.com/2012/12/06/apparently-you-can-make-an-ak-47-out-of-just-about-anything-25-photos/>

This build thread removes any ambiguity that a shovel may be transformed into a component of a functional firearm, and qualifies as an “UNFINISHED FRAME OR RECEIVER” per sections 5-701 (J) (1) and 5-701 (J) (2).





Per the proposed legislation, hardware stores will be required to serialize and mark their entire inventory of shovels to be in compliance with the law.

I strongly urge an **unfavorable** report.

Regards,

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