

Dear Committee Members

I request an **unfavorable** vote on this bill. I have multiple reasons:

- a. The term assault represents how an object is used, not an inherent feature of the object. Hitting someone with a rock is an act of assault, but not a feature of the rock. Identifying certain firearms as “assault pistols” is therefore presumptive of how the pistol may be used.
- b. The ability to convert a firearm from semi-automatic to automatic (or even “burst”) is already a Federal crime, and need not also be made a state crime.
- c. Outlawing pistols already in common use in Maryland without taking into account owners who have purchased these in the past (grandfathering) would convert law-abiding citizens into criminals.

I am a retired civil servant, a veteran, and enjoy recreational target shooting.

Sincerely,
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