

HOUSE BILL 1287

Please stop wasting tax payer's dollars on bills that seek to criminalize and or disarm legal gun owners. You swore an oath to the constitution, so uphold it, don't continue to violate it. Machine Guns are already regulated firearms, both federally and in Maryland. In Maryland, (a) A person may not use or possess a machine gun in the commission or attempted commission of a crime of violence. (b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a felony and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 20 years. Also, in Maryland if a machine gun (iii) is not registered as required under § 4-403 of this subtitle; or (2) empty or loaded shells that have been used or are susceptible of being used in the machine gun are found in the immediate vicinity of the machine gun. (b) A person may not possess or use a machine gun for an offensive or aggressive purpose. (c) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 10 years. Going after the most common handguns sold in the country is not how you reduce crime nor untaxed machine guns. We need police to do their jobs and prosecutors and judges to do the same, the revolving doors need to close. When some people cook spaghetti, they throw it at a wall to see if it sticks, if it sticks its done. This Bill isn't sticking, it's a half-hearted attempt to address the real problem. Make the criminals stay in prison where they belong. Between 2023 and 2024, the Baltimore Police Department recovered at least 100 illegally modified semi-automatic pistols. The majority of arrests involving modified pistols were linked to people who were not legally allowed to own a firearm. You come after legal gun owners yet again, we aren't the ones doing the crimes. Make criminals afraid to do the crime, until the punishment fits the crime and the punishment is enforced to the fullest nothing will change. I carry a semi-automatic pistol daily, if something were to happen to it per HB1287 I could not replace the firearm I carry daily as a citizen. I do not belong to a protected class such as military or police, we should all have the same laws to follow. The constitution doesn't apply to those protected classes more than it applies to citizens but that is not the case in Maryland. Please do not violate the protected rights of Maryland gun owners further than you already have.

Thank You