

Testimony Against HB1287

Honorable Delegates

Please enter an unfavorable report against HB1287.

I am against

- Prohibiting a person from manufacturing, selling, offering for sale, purchasing, receiving, or transferring a certain convertible pistol; and
- defining 'convertible pistol' as any semiautomatic pistol that can be converted into a machine gun solely by the attachment of a switch/auto-sear.

I do not support banning the sale of a major brand of pistols just because criminals can illegally alter them. Based on the language of the bill, the State could decide that any semi-automatic pistol could be converted to a machine gun, thus allowing the State to conceivably ban the sales of almost any pistol in Maryland.

If the State would severely punish those that do alter these guns and use them in committing crimes, then others would be less likely to do so. Do not ban the guns that the majority of the purchasers use properly and legally.

So please enter an unfavorable report against HB1287.

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