

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

SB 334

Criminal Law – Firearm Crimes – Machine Gun Convertible Pistols

UNFAVORABLE

I write in opposition to SB 334 Criminal Law – Firearm Crimes – Machine Gun Convertible Pistols. This bill apparently seeks to address the misuse of firearms but will impact only the law-abiding citizens of Maryland – not criminal behavior.

State and federal law already prohibits machine guns and rapid-fire devices. SB 334 focuses on the design of an entire class of semiautomatic pistols and risks criminalizing common, lawfully possessed firearms. This bill does not target illegal conversions by the criminals who use them.

SB 334 is another ineffective gun control bill that will not reduce violent crime: witness other states with similar bans. This is just another effort by gun control activists to ban all firearms and is a total disregard of our constitutional rights.

I respectfully request an UNFAVORABLE report on SB 334.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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