

HB0577 Machine Gun Convertible Pistols

OPPOSE HB0577

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Chair, Vice chair, and Members of the judicial committee.
I strongly oppose HB0577 (machine gun convertible pistols),

First, this bill distracts from the real issue, we have repeat violent felons out in our communities, while they should be locked up in jail.

Year after year, Annapolis decides not to lock up habitual, violent criminals,, But instead restricts law abiding citizens, in some weird twisted illusion that The repeat felons will actually follow any law.

Second, ANY standard Semi-Auto pistol can be converted, given the owner intent on breaking, or disregard for the law.

A fully Automatic fire-arm (Machine gun) is illegal to own, it is a federal offense.

A quick search shows that in Baltimore 35 illegal full auto handguns were recovered by the police in 2023, and 65 in 2024,,

Here is the disgraceful part,, I cannot find a single conviction.

Baltimore City's and Maryland's lack of convictions and turning violent felons loose in communities is being covered up by blaming gun manufactures and lawful gun owners,,

What is next? Banning shotguns? One can cut the barrel off of a shotgun in less than 15 seconds using a saw-zall,, And a "sawed off Shotgun" is the same class of weapon as a "Machine gun" ,, so therefore instead of convicting and jailing the felon, will Baltimore and the MGA try to ban shotguns??

For these reasons I OPPOSE HB0577