

SB 0334/HB 577 Criminal Law – Firearm Crimes – Machine Gun Convertible Pistols

This bill is trying to broadly ban a large number of firearms, without the true understanding of what they really are. On top of that the add on piece that makes a firearm fully automatic is already illegal, so what are we really trying to do here? We need some criminals who have used these devices in crimes to go to jail and stay there. That would fix the crime issue. Or maybe make theft of a firearm a felony, instead of petty theft under \$1000.

This bill is **UNCONSTITUTIONAL**. The Supreme Court held in Heller that the Second Amendment protects arms that are "in common use," and specifically, that handguns cannot be banned because they are in common use. A bill that bans common handguns, especially if it applies to Glockes, the most common handguns in the country, would certainly violate the Second Amendment under Heller.

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. This is just another effort by gun control activists to ban all firearms and is a total disregard of our constitutional rights.

I request an unfavorable report on this bill.

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