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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

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**AN ACT BANNING RATE OF FIRE ENHANCEMENTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2018) (a) As used in this  
2 section:

3 (1) "Firearm" means "firearm" as defined in section 53a-3 of the  
4 general statutes, but does not include a machine gun, as defined in  
5 section 53a-3 of the general statutes.

6 (2) "Rate of fire enhancement" means any device, component, part,  
7 combination of parts, attachment or accessory that: (A) Uses energy  
8 from the recoil of a firearm to generate a reciprocating action that  
9 facilitates repeated operation of the trigger, including, but not limited  
10 to, a bump stock; (B) repeatedly pulls the trigger of a firearm through  
11 the use of a crank, lever or other part, including, but not limited to, a  
12 trigger crank; (C) causes a semiautomatic firearm to fire more than one

13 round per operation of the trigger, where the trigger pull and reset  
14 constitute a single operation of the trigger, including, but not limited  
15 to, a binary trigger system; or (D) is constructed, manufactured,  
16 designed or intended to mechanically increase the rate of fire of a  
17 firearm in any way.

18 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this subsection, any  
19 person who, within this state, sells, offers to sell, purchases, possesses,  
20 manufactures, transfers or uses a rate of fire enhancement shall be  
21 guilty of a class D felony.

22 (c) Any person who holds a valid permit to carry a pistol or revolver  
23 issued pursuant to subsection (b) of section 29-28 of the general  
24 statutes, a valid eligibility certificate for a pistol or revolver issued  
25 pursuant to section 29-36f of the general statutes or a valid long gun  
26 eligibility certificate issued pursuant to section 29-37p of the general  
27 statutes and possesses a rate of fire enhancement prior to July 1, 2020,  
28 shall commit an infraction and be fined not more than ninety dollars  
29 for a first offense and shall be guilty of a class D felony for any  
30 subsequent offense.

31 (d) Any person who moves into the state in lawful possession of a  
32 rate of fire enhancement, shall, within ninety days, render the rate of  
33 fire enhancement permanently inoperable, remove the rate of fire  
34 enhancement from this state, or surrender the rate of fire enhancement  
35 to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for  
36 destruction.

37 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than thirty days  
38 after the effective date of this section, the Commissioner of Emergency  
39 Services and Public Protection shall provide written notification of the  
40 provisions of section 1 of this act by: (1) Posting the notification on the  
41 department's Internet web site, and (2) providing the notification  
42 electronically to federally licensed firearm dealers.

43 (b) Commencing thirty days after the effective date of this section

44 but prior to July 1, 2023, the commissioner shall include a written  
45 notification of the provisions of section 1 of this act with: (1) (A) A  
46 permit to carry a pistol or revolver issued pursuant to subsection (b) of  
47 section 29-28 of the general statutes, (B) an eligibility certificate for a  
48 pistol or revolver issued pursuant to section 29-36f of the general  
49 statutes, and (C) a long gun eligibility certificate issued pursuant to  
50 section 29-37p of the general statutes; and (2) a notice of expiration  
51 mailed to a holder of such permit or certificate pursuant to (A)  
52 subsection (f) of section 29-30 of the general statutes, (B) subsection (e)  
53 of section 29-36h of the general statutes, or (C) subsection (e) of section  
54 29-37r of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*