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Governor's Bill No. 5043

LCO No. 633



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:

Request of the Governor Pursuant
to Joint Rule 9

***AN ACT PROHIBITING THE MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF
CONVERTIBLE PISTOLS.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 53-202 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
3 *2026*):

4 (a) As used in this section: (1) "Machine gun" [shall apply to and
5 include] means (A) a weapon of any description, loaded or unloaded,
6 [which] that shoots, is designed to shoot or can be readily restored to
7 shoot automatically more than one projectile, without manual
8 reloading, by a single function of the trigger, including any convertible
9 pistol that is equipped with a pistol converter, as defined in subsection
10 (c) of section 53-206g, as amended by this act, and [shall also include]
11 (B) any part or combination of parts designed for use in converting a
12 weapon into a machine gun and any combination of parts from which a
13 machine gun can be assembled if such parts are in the possession of or
14 under the control of a person. (2) "Crime of violence" [shall apply to and

15 include] means any of the following-named crimes or an attempt to
16 commit any of the same: Murder, manslaughter, kidnapping, sexual
17 assault and sexual assault with a firearm, assault in the first or second
18 degree, robbery, burglary, larceny and riot in the first degree. (3)
19 "Projectile" means any size bullet that when affixed to any cartridge case
20 may be propelled through the bore of a machine gun. (4) "Convertible
21 pistol" means any semiautomatic pistol with a cruciform trigger bar that
22 can be readily converted by hand or with a common household tool into
23 a machine gun solely by the installation or attachment of a pistol
24 converter, as defined in subsection (c) of section 53-206g, as amended by
25 this act, whether or not there is a notch at the rear of the pistol frame.
26 "Convertible pistol" does not include any hammer-fired semiautomatic
27 pistol or striker-fired semiautomatic pistol that has a trigger bar that is
28 shielded from interference by a pistol converter. (5) "Cruciform trigger
29 bar" means a component in a semiautomatic pistol that serves as a
30 linkage between the trigger and firing pin and has its sear incorporated
31 in a cross-shaped surface. (6) "Common household tool" includes, but is
32 not limited to, a screwdriver, hammer, chisel, file or crescent wrench.

33 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 53-206g of the 2026 supplement to the
34 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
35 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

36 (c) For purposes of this section, (1) "firearm" means firearm as defined
37 in section 53a-3, as amended by this act, [and] (2) "rate of fire
38 enhancement" means any device, component, part, combination of
39 parts, attachment or accessory that: [(1)] (A) Uses energy from the recoil
40 of a firearm to generate a reciprocating action that causes repeated
41 function of the trigger, including, but not limited to, a bump stock; [(2)]
42 (B) repeatedly pulls the trigger of a firearm through the use of a crank,
43 lever or other part, including, but not limited to, a trigger crank; [or (3)]
44 (C) causes a semiautomatic firearm to fire more than one round per
45 operation of the trigger, where the trigger pull and reset constitute a
46 single operation of the trigger, including, but not limited to, a binary
47 trigger system or a pistol converter, or (D) forcibly resets, including by

48 mechanical means, the trigger into the firing position after each round
49 is fired, such as by a forced reset trigger, and (3) "pistol converter" means
50 (A) any device or instrument that, when installed in or attached to the
51 slide of a semiautomatic pistol, interferes with the trigger mechanism,
52 thereby enabling the pistol to discharge a number of shots or bullets
53 rapidly or automatically with one continuous pull of the trigger, or (B)
54 any other device, part, combination of parts, kit, tool or accessory that is
55 not necessary for the function of the pistol and that, when built into,
56 installed in or attached to the pistol, increases the rate of fire above the
57 rate at which a person can fire the pistol without the device, part,
58 combination of parts, kit, tool or accessory.

59 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) Any individual or any firm,
60 partnership, corporation, limited liability company, association or other
61 similar entity that, within this state, distributes, transports or imports
62 into the state, keeps for sale, or offers or exposes for sale, any convertible
63 pistol, as defined in section 53-202 of the general statutes, as amended
64 by this act, shall be guilty of a class D felony.

65 (b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to the disposition of
66 a convertible pistol to, nor to the transport or shipping of merchandise
67 of a convertible pistol to, any of the following: (1) State governmental
68 agencies, police departments or the military or naval forces of this state
69 or of the United States, (2) a sworn and duly certified member of an
70 organized police department or a constable who is certified by the Police
71 Officer Standards and Training Council and appointed by the chief
72 executive authority of a town, city or borough to perform criminal law
73 enforcement duties, (3) a member of the military or naval forces of this
74 state or of the United States while in the performance of official duties
75 as a member of such forces, (4) a nuclear facility licensed by the United
76 States Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the purpose of providing
77 security services at such facility, or any contractor or subcontractor of
78 such facility for the purpose of providing security services at such
79 facility, or (5) a licensed gun dealer, as defined in subsection (f) of section
80 53-202f of the general statutes, or a gunsmith who is in the employ of a

81 licensed gun dealer.

82 Sec. 4. Subdivision (15) of section 53a-3 of the 2026 supplement to the
83 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
84 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

85 (15) "Machine gun" means a weapon of any description, irrespective
86 of size, by whatever name known, loaded or unloaded, from which a
87 number of shots or bullets may be rapidly or automatically discharged
88 from a magazine with one continuous pull of the trigger and includes a
89 submachine gun and any convertible pistol, as defined in section 53-202,
90 as amended by this act, that is equipped with a pistol converter, as
91 defined in subsection (c) of section 53-206g, as amended by this act;

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	53-202(a)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	53-206g(c)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	53a-3(15)

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.]