

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 473

BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH

WEAPONS/FIREARMS: Prohibits the importation, manufacture, sale, purchase, possession, or transfer of a rapid-fire device

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Part III of Chapter 9 of Title 40, to be comprised of R.S. 40:1801 and 1802, relative  
3 to the regulation of weapons; to prohibit the importation, manufacture, sale,  
4 purchase, possession, or transfer of a rapid-fire device; to provide for criminal  
5 penalties; to provide definitions; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. Part III of Chapter 9 of Title 40, to be comprised of R.S. 40:1801 and  
8 1802 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 PART III. RAPID-FIRE DEVICES

10 §1801. Definitions

11 As used in this Part:

12 (1) "Rapid-fire device" means any of the following:

13 (a) A device that, when attached to a semiautomatic weapon, allows the  
14 weapon to discharge two or more shots in a burst by activating the device.

15 (b) A manual or power-driven trigger activating device that, when attached  
16 to a semiautomatic weapon, substantially increases the rate of fire of that weapon.

17 (c) A reciprocating stock or other device that, when attached to a  
18 semiautomatic weapon, substantially accelerates the rate of fire of the weapon.

19 (2) "Semiautomatic weapon" means any repeating weapon that utilizes the  
20 portion of the energy of a firing cartridge to extract the fired cartridge case and

1 chamber to the next round, and that requires a separate function of the trigger to fire  
2 each cartridge.

3 §1802. Prohibitions

4 A. No person shall import, manufacture, sell, keep for sale, offer for sale,  
5 purchase, possess, or transfer within this state a rapid-fire device.

6 B. Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not more  
7 than one thousand dollars, imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than  
8 one year, or both.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Prohibits the importation, manufacture, sale, purchase, possession, or transfer of a rapid-fire device and provides criminal penalties for violations of the prohibition.

Proposed law prohibits the importation, manufacture, sale, purchase, possession, or transfer within this state of a rapid-fire device, and provides that anyone who violates this prohibition shall be fined not more than \$1,000, imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

Proposed law defines "rapid-fire device" as any of the following:

- (1) A device that, when attached to a semiautomatic weapon, allows the weapon to discharge two or more shots in a burst by activating the device.
- (2) A manual or power-driven trigger activating device that, when attached to a semiautomatic weapon, substantially increases the rate of fire of that weapon.
- (3) A reciprocating stock or other device that, when attached to a semiautomatic weapon, substantially accelerates the rate of fire of the weapon.

Proposed law defines "semiautomatic weapon" as any repeating weapon that utilizes the portion of the energy of a firing cartridge to extract the fired cartridge case and chamber to the next round, and that requires a separate function of the trigger to fire each cartridge.

(Adds R.S. 40:1801 and 1802)