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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would prohibit persons from possessing a firearm that has a part or combination of parts designed or intended to convert a firearm into a machine gun installed on or attached to the firearm.

This bill would also provide penalties for violating this prohibition.

Section 111.05 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, prohibits a general law whose purpose or effect would be to require a new or increased expenditure of local funds from becoming effective with regard to a local governmental entity without enactment by a 2/3 vote unless: it comes within one of a number of specified exceptions; it is approved by the affected entity; or the Legislature appropriates funds, or provides a local source of revenue, to the entity for the purpose.

The purpose or effect of this bill would be to require a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of the section. However, the bill does not require approval of a local governmental entity or enactment by a 2/3 vote to become effective because it comes within one of the specified exceptions contained in the section.



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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to firearms; to prohibit persons from possessing a firearm that has a part or combination of parts designed or intended to convert a firearm into a machine gun installed on or attached to the firearm; to provide penalties for violations; and in connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Section 111.05 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the term "machine gun" means any firearm that shoots, is designed or intended to shoot, or can be readily restored to shoot more than one shot automatically without manual reloading and by a single function of the trigger.

(b) (1) No person shall knowingly own or have in his or her possession, control, care, or custody a firearm that has a part or combination of parts designed or intended to convert a firearm into a machine gun installed on or attached to the firearm.

(2) A first violation of this subsection is punishable by the completion of not less than 100 hours of community service. A second or subsequent violation of this subsection is a Class C felony.



57 (c) This section does not apply to either of the
58 following:

59 (1) A state or local law enforcement officer while
60 acting in an official capacity.

61 (2) A person who owns or has in his or her possession,
62 control, care, or custody a firearm that has a part or
63 combination of parts designed or intended to convert a firearm
64 into a machine gun installed on or attached to the firearm
65 that is lawfully owned or possessed under federal law.

66 Section 2. Although this bill would have as its purpose
67 or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of
68 local funds, the bill is excluded from further requirements
69 and application under Section 111.05 of the Constitution of
70 Alabama of 2022, because the bill defines a new crime or
71 amends the definition of an existing crime.

72 Section 3. This act shall become effective on October
73 1, 2024.