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To: Judiciary B

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 903

1 AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 97-37-39, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
2 1972, TO PROHIBIT THE MANUFACTURE AND POSSESSION OF MACHINE GUN
3 CONVERSION DEVICES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 **SECTION 1.** The following section shall be codified as
6 Section 97-37-39, Mississippi Code of 1972:

7 97-37-39. (1) (a) Any person who manufactures, possesses,
8 or uses a machine gun conversion device and who is not otherwise
9 authorized by federal law to manufacture, possess or use a machine
10 gun conversion device shall be guilty of a felony.

11 (b) For purposes of this act, the following terms shall
12 have the meanings described herein:

13 (i) "Machine gun conversion" means and includes
14 devices that convert ordinary semiautomatic firearms into fully
15 automatic machine guns, which may include, but shall not be
16 limited to "Glock switches" or "auto-sears".

17 (ii) Machine gun means and includes:



18 1. Any weapon which shoots, is designed to
19 shoot, or can be readily restored to shoot, automatically more
20 than one (1) shot without manual reloading, by a single function
21 of the trigger;

22 2. The frame or receiver of any such weapon;

23 3. Any part designed and intended solely and
24 exclusively or combination of parts designed and intended for use
25 in converting a weapon into a machine gun; or

26 4. Any combination of parts from which a
27 machine gun can be assembled if such parts are in the possession
28 or under the control of a person.

29 (2) Any person convicted of a first offense in violation of
30 this act shall be guilty of a felony, and shall be sentenced to
31 imprisonment for a term of not more than ten (10) years, fined not
32 more than Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00), or both.

33 (3) A person convicted of a second or subsequent offense
34 shall be charged with a felony under this act and shall be
35 sentenced to imprisonment for a term of not more than fifteen (15)
36 years, fined not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or
37 both.

38 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
39 and after July 1, 2024.

