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To: Judiciary, Division B

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 2627

1 AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 97-37-39, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
2 1972, TO CRIMINALIZE THE MANUFACTURE, POSSESSION AND USE OF
3 MACHINE GUN 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 section, the following terms
12 shall have the meanings described herein:

13 (i) "Machine gun conversion" means a device that
14 is designed, made and intended to convert a semiautomatic firearm
15 into a machine gun.

16 (ii) Machine gun means and includes any weapon
17 which shoots, is designed to shoot, or can be readily restored to



18 shoot, automatically more than one (1) shot without manual
19 reloading, by a single function of the trigger.

20 (2) Any person convicted of a first offense in violation of
21 this act shall be guilty of a felony, and shall be sentenced to
22 imprisonment for a term of not more than ten (10) years, fined not
23 more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.

24 (3) A person convicted of a second or subsequent offense
25 shall be charged with a felony under this act and shall be
26 sentenced to imprisonment for a term of not more than fifteen (15)
27 years, fined not more than Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00),
28 or both.

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

