General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5542

February Session, 2018

AN ACT CONCERNING BUMP STOCKS AND OTHER MEANS OF ENHANCING THE RATE OF FIRE OF A FIREARM.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2018) (a) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, no person may sell, offer to sell, otherwise transfer or offer to transfer, purchase, possess, use or manufacture any rate of fire enhancement.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, a person who violates any provision of subsection (a) of this section shall be guilty of a class D felony.

(c) For purposes of this section, "firearm" means firearm as defined in section 53a-3 of the general statutes, and "rate of fire enhancement" means any device, component, part, combination of parts, attachment or accessory that: (1) Uses energy from the recoil of a firearm to generate a reciprocating action that facilitates repeated function of the trigger, including, but not limited to, a bump stock; (2) repeatedly pulls the trigger of a firearm through the use of a crank, lever or other part, including, but not limited to, a trigger crank; or (3) causes a semiautomatic firearm to fire more than one round per operation of the trigger, where the trigger pull and reset constitute a single operation of the trigger, including, but not limited to, a binary trigger.
system.

(d) Any person who holds a valid permit to carry a pistol or revolver issued pursuant to subsection (b) of section 29-28 of the general statutes, a valid eligibility certificate for a pistol or revolver issued pursuant to section 29-36f of the general statutes or a valid long gun eligibility certificate issued pursuant to section 29-37p of the general statutes and possesses a rate of fire enhancement prior to July 1, 2019, shall be guilty of a class D misdemeanor for a first offense and shall be guilty of a class D felony for any subsequent offense.

(e) Any person who moves into the state in lawful possession of a rate of fire enhancement, shall, within ninety days, render the rate of fire enhancement permanently inoperable, remove the rate of fire enhancement from this state, or surrender the rate of fire enhancement to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for destruction.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (Effective from passage) (a) Not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section, the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall, within available appropriations, provide written notification of the provisions of section 1 of this act by:
(1) Posting the notification on the department's Internet web site, and
(2) providing the notification electronically to federally licensed firearm dealers.

(b) Commencing thirty days after the effective date of this section but prior to July 1, 2023, the commissioner shall include a written notification of the provisions of section 1 of this act with: (1) (A) A permit to carry a pistol or revolver issued pursuant to subsection (b) of section 29-28 of the general statutes, (B) an eligibility certificate for a pistol or revolver issued pursuant to section 29-36f of the general statutes, and (C) a long gun eligibility certificate issued pursuant to section 29-37p of the general statutes; and (2) a notice of expiration mailed to a holder of such permit or certificate pursuant to (A) subsection (f) of section 29-30 of the general statutes, (B) subsection (e)
of section 29-36h of the general statutes, or (C) subsection (e) of section 29-37r of the general statutes.

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

| Section 1 | October 1, 2018 | New section |
| Sec. 2    | from passage    | New section |

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:
In Section 1(a), the exception language, as it pertains to subsection (d), was moved to Section 1(b) for accuracy.

JUD Joint Favorable Subst.