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Introduced by Representatives Keenan of St. Albans City, Ancel of Calais,  
Briglin of Thetford, Brumsted of Shelburne, Christie of  
Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Dakin of Colchester, Donovan of  
Burlington, Dunn of Essex, Gardner of Richmond, Hooper of  
Montpelier, Jessup of Middlesex, Joseph of North Hero,  
LaLonde of South Burlington, Lucke of Hartford, Masland of  
Thetford, McCullough of Williston, Mrowicki of Putney,  
O’Sullivan of Burlington, Squirrell of Underhill, Stevens of  
Waterbury, Stuart of Brattleboro, Till of Jericho, and Yantachka  
of Charlotte

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Crimes; weapons; firearms; bump-fire stocks

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit the  
possession of a device, commonly known as a bump-fire stock or a bump  
stock, that is designed to attach to a semiautomatic firearm and increase the  
firearm’s rate of fire by using the energy from its recoil to activate the trigger  
repeatedly.

An act relating to prohibiting bump-fire stocks for firearms

1 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

2 Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 4019 is added to read

3 § 4019. BUMP-FIRE STOCKS; POSSESSION PROHIBITED

4 (a) As used in this section, “bump-fire stock” means a butt stock designed  
5 to be attached to a semiautomatic firearm and intended to increase the rate of  
6 fire achievable with the firearm to that of a fully automatic firearm by using  
7 the energy from the recoil of the firearm to generate a reciprocating action that  
8 facilitates the repeated activation of the trigger.

9 (b) A person shall not possess a bump-fire stock. A person who violates  
10 this subsection shall be imprisoned not more than one year or fined not more  
11 than \$1,000.00, or both.

12 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

13 This act shall take effect on September 1, 2018.