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## **House Passes Legislation Banning Bump Stocks** *Strengthens Massachusetts' Nationally-Recognized Gun Safety Laws*

**(Boston)** - Representative Kate Hogan joined her colleagues in the Massachusetts House of Representatives to pass an amendment to the 2017 Supplemental Budget banning the sale, purchase, or ownership of a “bump stock” device.

The amendment adopted by the House bans the possession, ownership, or sale of any device that attaches to a rifle, shotgun, or firearm, other than a magazine, which is designed to increase the rate of fire of said weapon. The legislation carries a punishment of imprisonment in the state prison by not less than three years nor more than twenty years, and goes into effect six months from the passage of the bill.

A “bump stock” is a device that uses the recoil of a semiautomatic firearm to fire several shots in succession, mimicking automatic gun fire. While the weapon still fires one bullet for every pull of the trigger, the “bump stock” automates the trigger-pull process, allowing shooters to fire at a rate of 400 to 800 rounds a minute. Twelve of the rifles the gunman in the Las Vegas mass shooting possessed were modified with a “bump stock,” allowing him to increase the fire rate of his weapon.

“In the wake of the terrible tragedy and mass murder that occurred in Las Vegas, I’m proud that the House of Representatives voted – nearly unanimously – to ban ‘bump stocks’ here in Massachusetts,” said Representative Kate Hogan. “I come from a district where firearms are used frequently by sportsmen and hunters, and I have always been a voice for the responsible gun owners in my district. The type of device the House seeks to outlaw is designed to produce automatic gunfire and maximize damage, and runs directly counter to the safety-first ethos taught and shared between generations of gun owners in the Commonwealth.”

The amendment, which passed 151-3, has moved to the Massachusetts Senate for debate.

### **Representative Kate Hogan**

Representative Kate Hogan represents the Third Middlesex District, which includes the towns of Bolton, Hudson, Maynard, and Stow. She currently serves as the House Chair on the Joint Committee on Public Health. She also serves as Chair of the Library Legislative Caucus and Co-Chair of the Legislature’s Elder Caucus. Rep. Hogan can be reached by phone at 617-722-2130 or by email at [Kate.Hogan@MAhouse.gov](mailto:Kate.Hogan@MAhouse.gov). You can also connect with Rep. Hogan on Facebook ([facebook.com/kate.hogan.948](https://www.facebook.com/kate.hogan.948)) or Twitter ([@repkatehogan](https://twitter.com/repkatehogan)).



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