

From The House

Bump Stock Ban

After Sandy Hook, our state passed some of the nation's toughest gun laws and I am proud that we continue to be a national leader when it comes to combating the epidemic of gun violence. In the wake of the Las Vegas and Parkland shootings and unfortunately too many others like it, it became clear that policy was lagging behind firearm technology.

House Bill 5542, An Act Concerning Bump Stocks and Other Means of Enhancing the Rate of Fire of a Firearm, bans the sale or transfer, possession, manufacturing or use of bump stocks or other accessories to increase the rate of fire of a firearm. With this new law, we honor the intent of the gun laws the legislature passed five years ago which state that automatic rifles have no place in Connecticut. Adding a bump stock to a semiautomatic rifle essentially transforms it into an automatic rifle.

Massachusetts, California, Vermont, New Jersey, Washington and Florida have enacted their own bans on bump stocks and the U.S. Justice Department proposed a federal regulation in March banning the devices.

Our ban on bump stocks ensures that we are adapting to the latest weapon technology. This step alone is not enough to end the national epidemic of gun violence, but it is another step in the right direction.

Sincerely,



Matt Ritter
House Majority Leader