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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, persons are prohibited from possessing certain firearms.

This bill would prohibit a person from knowingly possessing a machine gun, including the frame or receiver of any such weapon, any part intended to convert a firearm into a machine gun, and parts from which a machine gun may be assembled.

This bill would provide a criminal penalty for violating this prohibition.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to firearms; to prohibit the knowing possession of a machine gun, the frame or receiver of such a weapon, a part or parts intended to convert a firearm into a machine gun, and parts from which a machine gun may be assembled; and to provide a criminal penalty for violations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the term "machine gun" means any weapon that shoots, is designed



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29 to shoot, or can be readily restored to shoot, automatically
30 more than one shot, without manual reloading, by a single
31 function of the trigger. The term includes the frame or
32 receiver of any such weapon, any part or combination of parts
33 designed and intended for use in converting a weapon into a
34 machine gun, and any combination of parts from which a machine
35 gun may be assembled if the parts are in the possession or
36 under the control of a person.

37 (b) No person shall knowingly have in his or her
38 possession, control, care, or custody a machine gun.

39 (c) A violation of subsection (b) is a Class C felony.

40 (d) This section does not apply to either of the
41 following:

42 (1) A state or local law enforcement officer while
43 acting in an official capacity.

44 (2) Any machine gun lawfully owned or possessed
45 pursuant to federal law.

46 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
47 1, 2025.