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**HOUSE BILL NO. 597**

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 18.2-308.5:1, relating to a prohibition against mechanical devices designed to increase the rate of fire of firearms; penalty.*

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Referred to Committee on Rules

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 18.2-308.5:1 as follows:**

**§ 18.2-308.5:1. Sale or possession of mechanical devices designed to increase rate of fire of firearms; penalty.**

A. *It is unlawful for any person to manufacture, import, sell, offer for sale, possess, transfer, or transport in the Commonwealth any mechanical device, including a trigger crank or a bump-fire device, that is designed to increase the rate of fire of any semi-automatic firearm to any rate beyond the capability of an unaided person to operate the trigger mechanism of that firearm.*

B. *A violation of this section shall be punishable as a Class 3 misdemeanor.*

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