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Possession of Weapon Conversion Device
House Bill 38
Sponsors: Representatives Cates, Little, and Caballero

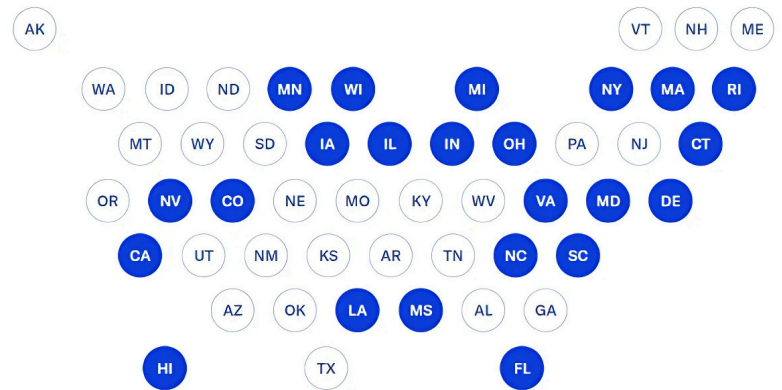
OVERVIEW

House Bill 38 would make it illegal to possess or transport weapon conversion devices in our state. Knowingly having or moving these devices would become a third-degree felony, punishable by up to three years in prison and \$5,000 in fines. The bill aims to prevent illegal firearm modifications by creating a new criminal offense: "unlawful possession of a weapon conversion device."

QUICK FACTS

- When attached to a semi-automatic firearm, a Glock switch can convert it into a fully automatic machine gun, allowing it to fire continuously with a single trigger pull.
- Currently, the U.S. Attorney's Offices in the state lack the capacity to prosecute the majority of these federal cases. By creating a state law, we can increase prosecutions and address this issue more effectively.
- This legislation focuses specifically on conversion devices that transform legal firearms into illegal automatic weapons - not on restricting lawful firearm ownership.

23 states have adopted this policy



Source: Everytown Research & Policy

SPREADING ACROSS THE STATE

"Unfortunately, it's often our juveniles who possess Glock switches. They're used in drive-by shootings, they're used to damage property, they used to shoot each other, and it's extremely concerning."

—Chief Jeremy Story, Las Cruces Police Department

"These Glock switches are so devastating. I hate to even use these words, but they're eventually unfortunately, cop killers. All you do is point the firearm and hold the trigger and 30 rounds in two seconds. How does a police officer defend themselves against that? The mass destruction of human life that these switches can do, is astronomical.

"Let's get ahead of it before we're too far behind. It's something we would be able to absolutely use right away and effectively in the district attorney's office in Albuquerque."

—District Attorney Sam Bergman, Bernalillo County

Watch video to see 30 rounds in 2.3 seconds:

