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New Law to Ban Bump Stocks, Trigger Cranks

June 15, 2018 -- After eight amendments, two Senate votes, and three votes in the House of Representatives, [a bill](#) seeking to ban the sale and possession of "bump stocks" and "trigger cranks" in Delaware has been signed into law.

The act will take effect in mid-October (120 days from yesterday's signing) and will prohibit the sale and possession of the aftermarket devices designed to increase the rate-of-fire of semi-automatic rifles.

They accessories are generally considered to be novelties, with no practical application in hunting, target shooting, or self-defense.

Bump stocks, in particular, gained notoriety in October when an assailant used multiple semi-automatic rifles fitted with them to kill 58 people at an outdoor concert in Las Vegas.

The offense will be a class B misdemeanor for first-time violators and a class E felony any subsequent offenses. The former is generally punishable with a fine of up to \$1,150, plus court costs. The latter carries a presumptive maximum sentence of up to 15 months in prison.

From July 1 of this year through June 30, 2019, the state will operate a program allowing owners to turn the devices into law enforcement agencies and receive a payment of \$100 for each bump-stock and \$15 for each trigger crank. Anyone relinquishing one of the banned devices cannot be charged with a crime under the law.



Example of a trigger crank.