House Bill 10
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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT
To amend Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dangerous instrumentalities and practices, so as to prohibit the possession, sale, transport, distribution, or use of certain assault weapons, large capacity magazines, armor-piercing bullets, and incendiary .50 caliber bullets; to provide for crimes involving the possession, sale, transport, distribution, or use of certain assault weapons, large capacity magazines, armor-piercing bullets, and incendiary .50 caliber bullets; to provide for criminal penalties; to provide for enhanced penalties for the possession and use of machine guns; to provide for definitions; to provide for exemptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.
Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dangerous instrumentalities and practices, is amended by adding a new part to read as follows:

"Part 1A

*16-11-114.*

As used in this part, the term:

(1) 'Action of the weapon' means the part of the firearm that loads, fires, or ejects a cartridge and that includes, but is not limited to, the upper and lower receiver, charging handle, forward assist, magazine release, and shell deflector.

(2) 'Armor-piercing bullet' means:

(A) Any .50 caliber bullet that is designed for the purpose of, is held out by the manufacturer or distributor as, or is generally recognized as having a specialized capability to penetrate armor or bulletproof glass, including, but not limited to, bullets..."
designated as M2 Armor-Piercing or AP, M8 Armor-Piercing Incendiary or API, M20 Armor-Piercing Incendiary Tracer or APIT, M903 Caliber .50 Saboted Light Armor Penetrator or SLAP, or M962 Saboted Light Armor Penetrator Tracer or SLAPT; or

(B) Any bullet that can be fired from a pistol or revolver that:

(i) Has projectiles or projectile cores constructed entirely from tungsten alloys, steel, iron, brass, bronze, beryllium copper, or depleted uranium;

(ii) Is fully jacketed with a jacket weight of more than 25 percent of the total weight of the projectile, is larger than .22 caliber, and is designed and intended for use in a firearm; or

(iii) Does not have projectiles whose cores are composed of soft materials, including, but not limited to, soft materials such as lead, lead alloys, zinc, or zinc alloys, frangible projectiles designed primarily for sporting purposes, or any other projectiles or projectile cores that the Attorney General of the United States finds to be primarily intended to be used for sporting purposes or industrial purposes or that otherwise do not constitute armor-piercing ammunition as defined by federal law; provided, however, that such bullet shall not include a shotgun shell.

(3) ‘Assault weapon’ means:

(A) Any selective fire firearm capable of fully automatic, semiautomatic, or burst fire at the option of the user and any part designed or intended for use with such firearm;

(B) Any of the following semiautomatic firearms: the Algimec Agmi; Armalite AR-180; Australian Automatic Arms SAP Pistol; Auto-Ordnance Thompson type; Avtomat Kalashnikov AK-47 type; Barrett Light-Fifty model 82A1; Beretta AR-70; Bushmaster Auto Rifle and Auto Pistol; Calico models M-900, M-950, and 100-P; Chartered Industries of Singapore SR-88; Colt AR-15 and Sporter; Daewoo K-1, K-2, Max-1, and Max-2; Encom MK-IV, MP-9, and MP-45; Fabrique Nationale FN/FAL, FN/LAR, or FN/FNC; FAMAS MAS 223; Feather AT-9 and Mini-AT; Federal XC 900 and XC-450; Franchi SPAS-12 and LAW-12; Galil AR and ARM; Goncz High-Tech Carbine and High-Tech Long Pistol; Heckler & Koch HK-91, HK-93, HK-94, and SP-89; Holmes MP-83; MAC-10, MAC-11, and MAC-11 Carbine type; Intratec TEC-9 and Scorpion; Iver Johnson Enforcer model 3000; Ruger Mini-14/5F folding stock model; Scarab Skorpion; SIG 57 AMT and 500 series; Spectre Auto Carbine and Auto Pistol; Springfield Armory BM59, SAR-48, and G-3; Sterling MK-6 and MK-7; Steyr AUG; Street Sweeper and Striker 12 revolving cylinder shotguns; USAS-12; UZI Carbine, Mini-Carbine, and Pistol; Weaver Arms Nighthawk; and Wilkinson Linda Pistol, and any part designed or intended for use with such firearms;

(C) Any of the following semiautomatic center-fire rifles: the AK-47; AK-74; AKM; AKS-74U; ARM; MAADI AK47; MAK90; MISR; NHM90; NHM91; Norinco 56,
56S, 84S, and 86S; Poly Technologies AKS and AK47; SA 85; SA 93; VEPR;
WASR-10; WUM; Rock River Arms LAR-47; Vector Arms AK-47; AR-10; AR-15;
Bushmaster Carbon 15; Bushmaster XM15; Bushmaster ACR Rifles; Bushmaster MOE
Rifles; Colt Match Target Rifles; Armalite M15; Olympic Arms AR-15, A1, CAR,
PCR, K3B, K30R, K16, K48, K8, and K9 Rifles; DPMS Tactical Rifles; Smith &
Wesson M&P15 Rifles; Rock River Arms LAR-15; Doublestar AR Rifles; Barrett
REC7; Beretta Storm; Calico Liberty 50, 50 Tactical, 100, 100 Tactical, I, I Tactical,
II, and II Tactical Rifles; Hi-Point Carbine Rifles; HK-PSG-1; Kel-Tec Sub-2000, SU
Rifles; and RFB; Remington Tactical Rifle Model 7615; SAR-8; SAR-4800; SR9; SLG
95; SLR 95 and 96; TNW M230 and M2HB; Vector Arms UZI; Galil and Galil Sporter;
Daewoo AR 100 and AR 110C; Fabrique Nationale/FN 308 Match and L1A1 Sporter;
HK USC; IZHMA SH Saiga AK; SIG Sauer 551-A1, 556, 516, 716, and M400 Rifles;
Valmet M62S, M71S, and M78S; Wilkinson Arms Linda Carbine; and Barrett
M107A1;
(D) Any of the following semiautomatic pistols: the Centurion 39 AK; Draco AK-47;
HCR AK-47; I.O. Inc. Hellpup AK-47; Mini-Draco AK-47; Yugo Krebs Krink;
American Spirit AR-15; Bushmaster Carbon 15; Doublestar Corporation AR; DPMS
AR-15; Olympic Arms AR-15; Rock River Arms LAR 15; Calico Liberty III and III
Tactical Pistols; Masterpiece Arms MPA Pistols; Velocity Arms VMA Pistols; Intratec
TEC-DC9 and AB-10; Colefire Magnum; German Sport 522 PK and Chiappa Firearms
Mfour-22; DSA SA58 PKP FAL; I.O. Inc. PPS-43C; Kel-Tec PLR-16 Pistol; Sig Sauer
P516 and P556 Pistols; and Thompson TA5 Pistols;
(E) IZHMA SH Saiga 12 Shotguns;
(F) Any semiautomatic firearm which is:
(i) A semiautomatic center-fire rifle that has an ability to accept a detachable
magazine and has at least one of the following:
(1) A folding or telescoping stock;
(II) Any grip of the weapon, including, but not limited to, a pistol grip, a forward
pistol grip, a thumbhole stock, or any other stock, the use of which would allow a
person to grip the weapon, resulting in any finger on the trigger hand in addition to
the trigger finger being directly below any portion of the action of the weapon when
firing;
(III) A flash suppressor; or
(IV) A grenade launcher or flare launcher;
(ii) A semiautomatic center-fire rifle that has a fixed magazine with the ability to
accept more than ten rounds;
(iii) A semiautomatic center-fire rifle that has an overall length of less than 30 inches;
(iv) A semiautomatic pistol that has an ability to accept a detachable magazine and has at least one of the following:

(I) An ability to accept a detachable ammunition magazine that attaches at some location outside of the pistol grip;

(II) A threaded barrel capable of accepting a flash suppressor, forward pistol grip, or silencer;

(III) A shroud that is attached to, or partially or completely encircles, the barrel and that permits the shooter to fire the firearm without being burned, not including a slide that encloses the barrel; or

(IV) A second hand grip;

(v) A semiautomatic pistol with a fixed magazine that has the ability to accept more than ten rounds;

(vi) A semiautomatic shotgun that has both of the following:

(I) A folding or telescoping stock; and

(II) Any grip of the weapon, including, but not limited to, a pistol grip, a forward pistol grip, a thumbhole stock, or any other stock, the use of which would allow a person to grip the weapon, resulting in any finger on the trigger hand in addition to the trigger finger being directly below any portion of the action of the weapon when firing;

(vii) A semiautomatic shotgun that has the ability to accept a detachable magazine; or

(viii) A shotgun with a revolving cylinder; or

(G) A part or combination of parts designed or intended to convert such weapons into such firearms.

The term 'assault weapon' shall not include any firearm modified to render it permanently inoperable or any firearm, or part or combination of parts of such firearm, that is in the possession of a person for the purpose of serving or repairing such firearm lawfully possessed by its owner under this part.

(4) 'Detachable magazine' means an ammunition feeding device that can be removed without disassembling the firearm action.

(5) 'Forward pistol grip' means any feature capable of functioning as a grip that can be held by the nontrigger hand.

(6) 'Incendiary .50 caliber bullet' means any .50 caliber bullet that is designed for the purpose of, is held out by its manufacturer or distributor as, or is generally recognized as having a specialized capability to ignite upon impact, including, but not limited to, bullets commonly designated as M1 Incendiary, M23 Incendiary, M8 Armor-Piercing Incendiary or API, or M20 Armor-Piercing Incendiary Tracer or APIT.
(7)(A) ‘Large capacity magazine’ means any firearm magazine, belt, drum, feed strip, or similar device that has the capacity of, or can be readily restored or converted to accept, more than ten rounds of ammunition; provided, however, that such term shall not include a:

(i) .22 caliber tube ammunition feeding device;

(ii) Tubular magazine that is contained in a lever action firearm; or

(iii) Magazine that is permanently inoperable.

(B) The term 'large capacity magazine' shall not include a magazine modified to render it permanently inoperable or a magazine, or part or combination of parts of such magazine, that is in the possession of a person for the purpose of servicing or repairing such magazine lawfully possessed by its owner under this part.

(8) ‘Pistol grip’ means a grip or similar feature that can function as a grip for the trigger hand.

(9) ‘Second hand grip’ means a grip or similar feature that can function as a grip that is additional to the trigger hand grip.

16-11-115.

(a) No person shall possess, distribute, transport, transfer, or sell any assault weapon.

(b) Any person who distributes, transports, or imports an assault weapon into this state shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(c) Any person who transfers, sells, or gives any assault weapon to a person under the age of 18 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(d) Any person who acquires or possesses any assault weapon in this state shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(e) Any person who uses an assault weapon in the commission of a felony or who, by words or conduct, represents that he or she is armed with such assault weapon during such commission of a felony shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than eight nor more ten years.

(f) This Code section shall not apply to any person servicing or repairing an assault weapon that is lawfully possessed by its owner under this part.

16-11-116.

(a) Any person who possesses a large capacity magazine on or after January 1, 2018, that was obtained by such person prior to July 1, 2017, shall be fined not more than $100.00 for a first offense and shall be guilty of a misdemeanor for any subsequent offense.

(b) Any person who possesses a large capacity magazine on or after January 1, 2018, that was obtained by such person on or after July 1, 2017, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.
(c) This Code section shall not apply to any person servicing or repairing a large capacity magazine that is lawfully possessed by its owner under this part.

16-11-117.

(a) Notwithstanding Code Sections 16-11-115 and 16-11-116, any person who possesses any assault weapon or large capacity magazine on July 1, 2017, shall have until October 31, 2017, to, without any prosecution under the law, modify such assault weapon or large capacity magazine to render it permanently inoperable or such that it is no longer an assault weapon or large capacity magazine.

(b) Notwithstanding Code Sections 16-11-115 and 16-11-116, any person who relocates his or her residence to this state and who possesses an assault weapon or large capacity magazine or who comes to possess such assault weapon or large capacity magazine through probate shall, within 90 days of establishing such residency or the closing of such probate, modify such assault weapon or large capacity magazine to render it permanently inoperable or such that it is no longer an assault weapon or large capacity magazine.

16-11-118.

(a) Any person who knowingly distributes, transports, or imports into this state, keeps for sale, offers or exposes for sale, or gives to any person any armor-piercing bullet or incendiary .50 caliber bullet shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(b) Any person who knowingly transports or carries a firearm loaded with an armor-piercing bullet or incendiary .50 caliber bullet shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

16-11-119.

Any person who lawfully possesses an assault weapon under this part that is lost or stolen from such person shall report such loss or theft to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation within 72 hours of the time when such person discovered such loss or theft. Any person who fails to make such report within the time prescribed by this Code section shall be fined not more than $90.00 for a first offense and shall be guilty of a misdemeanor for any subsequent offense under this Code section.

16-11-119.1.

This part shall not apply to:

(1) Any duly authorized police agency of this state or a peace officer of any duly authorized police agency of this state or of any political subdivision thereof, a law enforcement officer of any department or agency of the United States who is regularly employed and paid by the United States, this state, or any political subdivision thereof.
or an employee of the Department of Corrections of this state who is authorized in
writing by the commissioner of corrections to transfer or possess firearms while in the
official performance of his or her duties;

(2) A member of the National Guard or of the armed forces of the United States to wit:
the army, navy, marine corps, air force, or coast guard who, while serving therein,
possesses assault weapons, large capacity magazines, armor-piercing bullets, or
incendiary .50 caliber bullets in the line of duty;

(3) The possession of an assault weapon, large capacity magazine, armor-piercing bullet,
or incendiary .50 caliber bullet by a person who is authorized to possess the same because
he or she is in compliance with the dictates of the National Firearms Act, 68A Stat. 725
(26 U.S.C. Sections 5841-5862);

(4) A security officer employed by a federally licensed nuclear power facility or a
licensee of such facility, including a contract security officer, who is trained and qualified
under a security plan approved by the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission or
other federal agency authorized to regulate nuclear facility security; provided, however,
that this exemption shall apply only while such security officer or licensee is acting in
connection with his or her official duties on the premises of such nuclear power facility
or on properties outside such facility pursuant to a written agreement entered into with
the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over such facility;

(5) Notwithstanding Code Section 16-11-119, persons and their agents who are engaged
in the manufacture of assault weapons, large capacity magazines, armor-piercing bullets,
or incendiary .50 caliber bullets in this state pursuant to federal law;

(6) Notwithstanding Code Section 16-11-119, persons and their agents who stock assault
weapons, large capacity magazines, armor-piercing bullets, or incendiary .50 caliber
bullets for the purpose of selling to police agencies, the National Guard, or the armed
forces of the United States; and

(7) Notwithstanding Code Section 16-11-119, persons engaged in sport competition
pursuant to rules and regulations of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by adding a new paragraph to Code Section 16-11-121,
relating to definitions, to read as follows:

"(".1) 'Crime of violence' means committing or attempting to commit any crime involving
any classification of:

(A) Murder or manslaughter as provided for in Article 1 of Chapter 5 of this title;
(B) Assault or aggravated assault as provided for in Article 2 of Chapter 5 of this title;

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(C) Kidnapping, false imprisonment, or hijacking as provided for in Article 3 of Chapter 5 of this title;

(D) Rape, sexual assault, sexual, or aggravated sexual battery as provided for in Chapter 6 of this title;

(E) Burglary or home invasion as provided for in Article 1 of Chapter 7 of this title;

(F) Theft as provided for in Article 1 of Chapter 8 of this title;

(G) Robbery or armed robbery as provided for in Article 2 of Chapter 8 of this title; or

(H) Riot as provided for in Article 2 of Chapter 11 of this title."

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"16-11-123.1. (a) Any person who possesses a machine gun in a crime of violence shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for a period of not less than ten nor more than 20 years.

(b)(1) Any person who possesses or uses a machine gun for an offensive or aggressive purpose or transfers, sells, or provides a machine gun to a person under 16 years of age, including, but not limited to, such transfer for use in target shooting or on a firing or shooting range, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(2) The possession or use of a machine gun by a person shall be presumed to be for an offensive or aggressive purpose when:

(A) Such machine gun is possessed or used on premises not owned or rented by such person for a bona fide permanent residence or business occupancy; or

(B) Such person possessing such machine gun is unnaturalized or has been convicted of a crime of violence or of a crime with substantially the same elements therein by the federal government or any state, including, but not limited to, territories, districts, or insular possessions of the United States.

(c) The presence of a machine gun in any room, boat, or vehicle shall be presumptive evidence of the possession or use of such machine gun by each person occupying such room, boat, or vehicle."

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

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