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**A BILL**

To amend sections 2923.13 and 2923.14 and to enact  
section 2923.133 of the Revised Code to prohibit  
certain conduct regarding trigger cranks, bump-  
fire devices, and other items that accelerate a  
semi-automatic firearm's rate of fire but do not  
convert it into an automatic firearm.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That sections 2923.13 and 2923.14 be amended  
and section 2923.133 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as  
follows:

**Sec. 2923.13.** (A) Unless relieved from disability under  
operation of law or legal process, no person shall knowingly  
acquire, have, carry, or use any firearm or dangerous ordnance,  
if any of the following apply:

- (1) The person is a fugitive from justice.
- (2) The person is under indictment for or has been  
convicted of any felony offense of violence or has been  
adjudicated a delinquent child for the commission of an offense

that, if committed by an adult, would have been a felony offense 18  
of violence. 19

(3) The person is under indictment for or has been 20  
convicted of any felony offense involving the illegal 21  
possession, use, sale, administration, distribution, or 22  
trafficking in any drug of abuse or has been adjudicated a 23  
delinquent child for the commission of an offense that, if 24  
committed by an adult, would have been a felony offense 25  
involving the illegal possession, use, sale, administration, 26  
distribution, or trafficking in any drug of abuse. 27

(4) The person has a drug dependency, is in danger of drug 28  
dependence, or has chronic alcoholism. 29

(5) The person is under adjudication of mental 30  
incompetence, has been committed to a mental institution, has 31  
been found by a court to be a person with a mental illness 32  
subject to court order, or is an involuntary patient other than 33  
one who is a patient only for purposes of observation. As used 34  
in this division, "person with a mental illness subject to court 35  
order" and "patient" have the same meanings as in section 36  
5122.01 of the Revised Code. 37

(6) The person has been convicted of a violation of 38  
section 2923.133 of the Revised Code or has been adjudicated a 39  
delinquent child for the commission of a violation of that 40  
section. 41

(B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of having 42  
weapons while under disability, a felony of the third degree. 43

(C) For the purposes of this section, "under operation of 44  
law or legal process" shall not itself include mere completion, 45  
termination, or expiration of a sentence imposed as a result of 46

a criminal conviction.

**Sec. 2923.133.** (A) On and after the date that is one  
hundred eighty days after the effective date of this section, no  
person shall import, manufacture, sell, transfer, or possess a  
trigger crank, a bump-fire device, or any part, combination of  
parts, component, device, attachment, or accessory that is  
designed or functions to accelerate the rate of fire of a semi-  
automatic firearm but not convert the semi-automatic firearm  
into an automatic firearm.

(B) This section does not apply with respect to the  
importation for, manufacture for, sale to, transfer to, or  
possession of any item specified in division (A) of this section  
by or under authority of the United States or any department or  
agency of the United States or by this state, any other state,  
or a department, agency, or political subdivision of this state  
or any other state.

(C) Whoever violates division (A) of this section is  
guilty of "illegal rate-of-fire acceleration conduct," a felony  
of the fourth degree.

**Sec. 2923.14.** (A) (1) Except as otherwise provided in  
division (A) (2) of this section, any person who is prohibited  
from acquiring, having, carrying, or using firearms may apply to  
the court of common pleas in the county in which the person  
resides for relief from such prohibition.

(2) Division (A) (1) of this section does not apply to a  
person who has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a  
violation of section 2923.132 of the Revised Code or to a person  
who, two or more times, has been convicted of or pleaded guilty  
to a felony and a specification of the type described in section

2941.141, 2941.144, 2941.145, 2941.146, 2941.1412, or 2941.1424 76  
of the Revised Code. 77

(B) The application shall recite the following: 78

(1) All indictments, convictions, or adjudications upon 79  
which the applicant's disability is based, the sentence imposed 80  
and served, and any release granted under a community control 81  
sanction, post-release control sanction, or parole, any partial 82  
or conditional pardon granted, or other disposition of each 83  
case, or, if the disability is based upon a factor other than an 84  
indictment, a conviction, or an adjudication, the factor upon 85  
which the disability is based and all details related to that 86  
factor; 87

(2) Facts showing the applicant to be a fit subject for 88  
relief under this section. 89

(C) A copy of the application shall be served on the 90  
county prosecutor. The county prosecutor shall cause the matter 91  
to be investigated and shall raise before the court any 92  
objections to granting relief that the investigation reveals. 93

(D) Upon hearing, the court may grant the applicant relief 94  
pursuant to this section, if all of the following apply: 95

(1) One of the following applies: 96

(a) If the disability is based upon an indictment, a 97  
conviction, or an adjudication, the applicant has been fully 98  
discharged from imprisonment, community control, post-release 99  
control, and parole, or, if the applicant is under indictment, 100  
has been released on bail or recognizance. 101

(b) If the disability is based upon a factor other than an 102  
indictment, a conviction, or an adjudication, that factor no 103

longer is applicable to the applicant. 104

(2) The applicant has led a law-abiding life since 105  
discharge or release, and appears likely to continue to do so. 106

(3) The applicant is not otherwise prohibited by law from 107  
acquiring, having, or using firearms. 108

(E) Costs of the proceeding shall be charged as in other 109  
civil cases, and taxed to the applicant. 110

(F) Relief from disability granted pursuant to this 111  
section restores the applicant to all civil firearm rights to 112  
the full extent enjoyed by any citizen, and is subject to the 113  
following conditions: 114

(1) Applies only with respect to indictments, convictions, 115  
or adjudications, or to the other factor, recited in the 116  
application as the basis for the applicant's disability; 117

(2) Applies only with respect to firearms lawfully 118  
acquired, possessed, carried, or used by the applicant; 119

(3) May be revoked by the court at any time for good cause 120  
shown and upon notice to the applicant; 121

(4) Is automatically void upon commission by the applicant 122  
of any offense set forth in division (A) (2) ~~or~~, (3), or (6) of 123  
section 2923.13 of the Revised Code, or upon the applicant's 124  
becoming one of the class of persons named in division (A) (1), 125  
(4), or (5) of that section. 126

(G) As used in this section: 127

(1) "Community control sanction" has the same meaning as 128  
in section 2929.01 of the Revised Code. 129

(2) "Post-release control" and "post-release control 130

sanction" have the same meanings as in section 2967.01 of the 131  
Revised Code. 132

**Section 2.** That existing sections 2923.13 and 2923.14 of 133  
the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 134