

One Slippery Slope Replaced by Another (Bump Stock)

The ATF recently unveiled proposed regulations for a "bump stock ban." And, sadly, all gun owners should be very concerned.

You may remember that ATF had initially discussed regulating any accessory which accelerated the "firing rate" of a semi-auto. Pursuing such an approach would have produced language similar to the Feinstein bump stock ban in the Senate.

Besides bump stocks, several items could have been deemed to help gun owners increase the rate of fire on their semi-autos: match triggers, polished bolts, high-capacity magazines, and even tripods.

Gun Owners of America wrote several alerts encouraging people to submit comments to the ATF in opposition to a bump stock ban.

Thousands of people responded. According to [media reports](#), 85 percent of the comments were against the ban, with about 20% of them being directly inspired by GOA's alerts.

So thanks to the massive pressure from you, the original anti-gun language that would have endangered rate-increasing devices was jettisoned.

But now we're facing a new danger.

Under orders from Trump to "do something" on bump stocks, the ATF has stumbled into a different peril -- a new "bump stock ban" that is just as bad ... and one which now endangers AR-15s and other semi-automatic rifles.

From a "single function" of the trigger to merely a "single pull"

Trump's [proposed regulations](#) would declare a bump stock to be a "machinegun" because it allows the gun to fire more than one shot "by a single pull of the trigger" -- that is, by a single volitional function of the finger.

But hold on a second. Federal law, at 26 U.S.C. 5845(b), defines a part as a "machinegun" only if it is designed solely and exclusively to allow the gun to "fire more than one shot ... by a single function of the trigger."

To state the obvious, a finger is not the same thing as a trigger. And, while a bump stock is in operation, the trigger functions separately each and every time a round is discharged.

So these regulations are proposing a radical change -- as they effectively define a gun as a machinegun even if the trigger resets for every round that is fired, so long as the finger only pulls the trigger once.

While bump stock devices will now be treated as machineguns under these regulations, they also raise serious questions in regard to your AR-15s or other semi-automatic rifles -- as they are now on the brink of being designated as machineguns by the next anti-gun administration.

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[FS 790.33 \(1\) Preemption Law](#)

(3) Penalties

Field of Regulation of Firearms & Ammunition Preempted

[Federal Register Re Bump Stock Devices \(proposed rule\)](#)

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[Survival Blog Re Bump Stocks-"The First Question is Always Jurisdiction"](#)

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