



Governor Ned Lamont

Fact Sheet: 2026 Legislative Proposal

HOUSE BILL 5043

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF CONVERTIBLE PISTOLS

The Current Situation

Machine guns are illegal in every state, including Connecticut. But they are still showing up on our streets, thanks to DIY machine gun pistols that can easily be converted into fully automatic weapons using a Lego-sized switch.

Between 2019 to 2023, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives recovered more than 31,000 machine gun conversion devices.¹

The threat has already made its way to Connecticut, as the Hartford Police Department reported that between 2023 and 2024, their officers seized 51 Glock switches.²

Governor Lamont's Solution

Ban the future sale and importation of convertible pistols in our state, and prohibit the sale of new handguns that can be easily converted into fully automatic machine guns. This holds manufacturers to a basic safety standard: If you want to sell in Connecticut, your pistol cannot be designed to accept a switch that would convert it to an automatic weapon.

¹ <https://www.atf.gov/news/press-releases/us-attorney-and-atf-release-new-public-service-announcement-warning-against-possession>

² [Hartford police warn about dangerous 'Glock switches' turning pistols into machine guns](#)

