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District 4
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2021 SESSION
HOUSE BILL 1291
Public Safety – Untraceable Firearms

- **OPPOSED** -

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In reference to:

5-701 (G) (2) “UNFINISHED FRAME OR RECEIVER” INCLUDES ANY OTHER OBJECT, PART, OR COMBINATION OF PARTS THAT IS NOT A FUNCTIONAL FRAME OR RECEIVER BUT IS DESIGNED OR INTENDED TO BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE AND CAN BE READILY MADE INTO A FUNCTIONAL FRAME OR RECEIVER OF A FIREARM.

May I direct your attention to a build thread on the Northeast Shooters forum where a shovel is transformed by machining, drilling, filing, and forging into a functional receiver of a firearm.
<https://www.northeastshooters.com/xen/threads/diy-shovel-ak-photo-tsunami-warning.179192/>

(photos on the above website may have been removed recently, but other sites contain a subset and many be located by searching for the term “shit shovel AK.” Apologies for the mild profanity, but technical accuracy is warranted in this case.)

<https://thehive.com/2012/12/06/apparently-you-can-make-an-ak-47-out-of-just-about-anything-25-photos/>

This build thread removes any ambiguity that a shovel may be transformed into a functional frame or receiver of a firearm, and qualifies as an “UNFINISHED FRAME OR RECEIVER” per section 5-701 (G) (2).





Per the proposed legislation, hardware stores will be required to serialize and mark their entire inventory of shovels to be in compliance with the law. Further, 5-703 (A) (2) specifies that POSSESSION of:

AN UNFINISHED FRAME OR RECEIVER THAT IS NOT IMPRINTED WITH A SERIAL NUMBER ISSUED BY A FEDERALLY LICENSED FIREARMS MANUFACTURER OR FEDERALLY LICENSED FIREARMS IMPORTER IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL FEDERAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS REGULATING THE MANUFACTURE AND IMPORT OF FIREARMS ;

constitutes a violation. I certainly hope that Legislators don't have a variety of garden shovels in their possession.

I strongly urge an **unfavorable report**.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. I. McGuire III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

James I. McGuire III