

**THE MICHIGAN PENAL CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 328 of 1931**

**750.224 Weapons; manufacture, sale, or possession as felony; violation as felony; penalty; exceptions; "muffler" or "silencer" defined.**

Sec. 224.

- (1) A person shall not manufacture, sell, offer for sale, or possess any of the following:
  - (a) A machine gun or firearm that shoots or is designed to shoot automatically more than 1 shot without manual reloading, by a single function of the trigger.
  - (b) A muffler or silencer.
  - (c) A bomb or bombshell.
  - (d) A blackjack, slungshot, billy, metallic knuckles, sand club, sand bag, or bludgeon.
  - (e) A device, weapon, cartridge, container, or contrivance designed to render a person temporarily or permanently disabled by the ejection, release, or emission of a gas or other substance.
- (2) A person who violates subsection (1) is guilty of a felony, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 5 years, or a fine of not more than \$2,500.00, or both.
- (3) Subsection (1) does not apply to any of the following:
  - (a) A self-defense spray or foam device as defined in section 224d.
  - (b) A person manufacturing firearms, explosives, or munitions of war by virtue of a contract with a department of the government of the United States.
  - (c) A person licensed by the secretary of the treasury of the United States or the secretary's delegate to manufacture, sell, or possess a machine gun, or a device, weapon, cartridge, container, or contrivance described in subsection (1).
- (4) As used in this chapter, "muffler" or "silencer" means 1 or more of the following:
  - (a) A device for muffling, silencing, or deadening the report of a firearm.
  - (b) A combination of parts, designed or redesigned, and intended for use in assembling or fabricating a muffler or silencer.
  - (c) A part, designed or redesigned, and intended only for use in assembling or fabricating a muffler or silencer.

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**Constitutionality:** The Michigan supreme court held that the statute was not unconstitutionally vague as applied to the defendant in *People v Lynch*, 410 Mich 343; 301 NW2d 796 (1981).

**Former Law:** See section 3 of Act 372 of 1927, being CL 1929, Â§ 16751; and Act 206 of 1929.