

## Firearms (Amendment) Act 1936

## **1936 CHAPTER 39**

## 9 Provisions as to shortening guns and converting imitation firearms into firearms

- (1) No person other than a registered firearms dealer shall shorten the barrel of a smooth bore gun to a length less than twenty inches.
- (2) No person other than a registered firearms dealer shall convert into a firearm anything which, though having the appearance of being a firearm, is so constructed as to be incapable of discharging any missile through the barrel thereof.
- (3) If any person contravenes any of the foregoing provisions of this section, he shall for each offence be liable, on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds or to both such imprisonment and fine, or, on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds or to both such imprisonment and fine.
- (4) If any person commits an offence under section one of the principal Act by purchasing or having in his possession a smooth bore gun which has been shortened, or a firearm which has been converted, as aforesaid (whether by a registered firearms dealer or not), without holding a firearm certificate authorising him to purchase or possess it, he shall be liable, either—
  - (a) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds or to both such imprisonment and fine; or
  - (b) on summary conviction, to the penalty provided in subsection (8) of the said section one.