



# Firearms Act 1968

## 1968 CHAPTER 27

### PART I

PROVISIONS AS TO POSSESSION, HANDLING AND DISTRIBUTION OF WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION; PREVENTION OF CRIME AND MEASURES TO PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY

*Prevention of crime and preservation of public safety*

#### 17 Use of firearm to resist arrest.

- (1) It is an offence for a person to make or attempt to make any use whatsoever of a firearm or imitation firearm with intent to resist or prevent the lawful arrest or detention of himself or another person.
- (2) If a person, at the time of his committing or being arrested for an offence specified in Schedule 1 to this Act, has in his possession a firearm or imitation firearm, he shall be guilty of an offence under this subsection unless he shows that he had it in his possession for a lawful object.
- (3) ..... <sup>F1</sup>
- (4) For purposes of this section, the definition of “firearm” in section 57(1) of this Act shall apply without paragraphs (b) and (c) of that subsection, and “imitation firearm” shall be construed accordingly.
- (5) In the application of this section to Scotland, a reference to Schedule 2 to this Act shall be substituted for the reference in subsection (2) to Schedule 1 . . . <sup>F2</sup>

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 17(3) repealed by [Theft Act 1968 \(c. 60\), Sch. 3 Pt. III](#)
- F2** Words repealed by [Theft Act 1968 \(c. 60\), Sch. 3 Pt. III](#)

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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** S. 17(2) applied (E.W.)(31.10.1991) by Criminal Justice Act 1991 (c. 53, SIF 39:1), **s.90(2)**; S.I. 1991/2208, art. 2(4), **Sch.3**.

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