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1949 Cap. 86. A LAW TO AMEND AND CONSOLIDATE THE LAW RELATING TO
 30 of 55. THE IMPORTATION, POSSESSION AND USE OF FIREARMS.
 32 of 55.

[1st August, 1933.]

Short title. 1. This Law may be cited as the Firearms Law.

Interpreta- 2. In this Law—
 tion.

“certificate of registration” means a certificate issued under section 9 of this Law ;

2(a) of 30/55.

“Chief Constable of Police” includes any police officer specially detailed by the Chief Constable of Police for the purpose ;

“ Commissioner ” means the Commissioner of the district ; 56 Vol. II, 1249.

“ firearms ” means a firearm of every description and an air-gun, air-rifle, air-pistol or any other kind of gun from which any shot, bullet or other missile can be discharged, and every part thereof, but does not include any toy gun or toy pistol from which any shot, bullet or missile is discharged by force of a spring alone nor a firearm which is preserved for antiquarian interest and not for use ;

“ principal officer of police ” or “ officer for the time being in charge of the police of the district ” means the local officer in charge. 2 of 5/34.

3. (1) No person shall import or attempt to import into the Colony or export or attempt to export therefrom or have under his control or in his possession any— Prohibition of importation, etc., of certain types of firearms, etc.

(a) rifle ;

(b) firearm which is so designed or adapted that, if pressure is applied to the trigger, missiles continue to be discharged until the pressure is removed from the trigger or the magazine containing the missiles is empty ; 2 of 32/55.

(c) weapon of whatever description designed or adapted for the discharge of any noxious liquid, gas or similar thing ;

(d) firearm of a class or type specified by the Governor in Council by an Order to be published in the Gazette.

(2) Any person who acts in contravention of any of the provisions of subsection (1) hereof shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment not exceeding seven years or to a fine not exceeding five hundred pounds or to both such imprisonment and fine and any firearm in respect of which the offence has been committed shall be forfeited.

4. (1) Save under a special permit granted by the Governor and subject to any terms and conditions contained therein, no person shall import or attempt to import into the Colony or export or attempt to export therefrom or have under his control or in his possession any revolver or pistol of any kind. Restriction on importation, etc., of revolvers, etc. 2 of 32/55.

(2) Any person who acts in contravention of any of the provisions of subsection (1) hereof or who acts in contravention of or fails to comply with any term and condition contained in a special permit granted thereunder shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment not exceeding seven years or to a fine not exceeding five hundred pounds or to both such imprisonment and fine and any revolver or pistol in respect of which the offence has been committed shall be forfeited.

Importation
of certain
types of
firearms.
3 (a) of
30/55.

5. (1) The Chief Constable of Police may, in his discretion, grant a licence to import any firearm other than those specified in sections 3 and 4 to any person who, in his opinion, is a fit and proper person to possess a firearm and intends to import such firearm for his own personal use.

(2) Every such licence shall contain the name and residence of the person authorized thereby to import a firearm under this section and a description of the firearm in respect of which such licence is granted.

3 (b) of
30/55.

(3) Every such licence shall be in force for such period not exceeding three years as may be specified therein provided that the Chief Constable of Police may at any time, upon giving one month's notice to the holder thereof, cancel such licence.

(4) Any person who imports or attempts to import any firearm contrary to the provisions of this section shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment not exceeding one year or to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds or to both such imprisonment and fine and any firearm in respect of which the offence has been committed shall be forfeited.

Importation
of shot guns
by visitors.
4 of 5/34.
4 (a) of
30/55.

6. (1) The Comptroller or any officer of Customs empowered by him in that behalf may grant to any visitor a special licence to import a shotgun for the personal use of such visitor subject to such terms and conditions as the Comptroller or the officer may think fit to impose.

(2) Before granting a licence under subsection (1) hereof the Comptroller or any officer of Customs empowered by him in that behalf shall require the visitor to sign a declaration that the shot gun is imported for the visitor's own personal use.

Possession,
etc., of
firearms
without
registration
and licence
prohibited.

7. (1) From and after the date of the coming into operation of this Law, no person shall have in his custody

possession or control, or shall use or carry a firearm unless such person is the holder of—

- (a) a certificate of registration; and
- (b) in the case of a firearm other than a revolver, ^{5 of 5/34.} pistol, air-gun, air-rifle or air-pistol, an annual licence in the form A in the Schedule hereto ^{Schedule.} issued by the Commissioner (hereinafter called a "firearms licence") :

Provided that the Commissioner may in his discretion issue a firearms licence to any person to have in his custody, possession or control or to use or carry a firearm in respect of which a certificate of registration has been issued to any other person:

Provided further that no person shall during any close ^{5 of 5/34.} season as defined in the Game and Wild Birds Protection ^{Cap. 65.} Law, or any amendment thereto, use or carry a firearm except—

- (i) under a special permit in the form B in the Schedule ^{Schedule.} hereto under the hand of the Commissioner authorizing the carrying of a firearm for the purpose specified in such permit ; or
- (ii) for any purpose authorized under section 6 of the ^{5 (a) of} Game and Wild Birds Protection Law, or any ^{30/55.} amendment thereto.

(2) A firearms licence shall expire on the 31st July next following the date of issue and there shall be payable in respect thereof a fee of one pound.

(3) The holder of a firearms licence in respect of which the fee prescribed in sub-section (2) hereof has been paid shall be entitled, during the period such firearms licence is in force, to be issued with a firearms licence in respect of any additional firearm in his custody, possession or control, upon payment of a fee of two hundred and fifty mils for each such additional firearm.

(4) Any person who has in his custody, possession or control, or who uses or carries a firearm in contravention of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding twenty-five ^{5 (b) of} pounds or to both such imprisonment and fine and any ^{30/55.} firearm the property of such person in respect of which such offence has been committed shall be forfeited.