

Arms Offences Bill

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An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to the unlawful possession of arms and ammunition and the carrying and using of arms, and to repeal the Arms Offences Act (Chapter 94) and the Firearms and Ammunition (Unlawful Possession) Act (Chapter 100 of the Revised Edition).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows: —

Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Arms Offences Act, 1973, and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“arm” means any firearm, air-gun, air-pistol, automatic gun, automatic pistol and any other kind of gun or pistol from which any shot, bullet or other missile can be discharged or noxious liquid, flame or fumes can be emitted, and any component part thereof and includes any bomb or grenade and any component part thereof;

“imitation arm” means anything which has the appearance of being an arm;

“import” means to bring or cause to be brought into Singapore by any means from any place;

“scheduled offence” means any offence specified in the Schedule to this Act;

“traffick in arms” means —

- (a) to import, manufacture or deal in arms in contravention of the provisions of the Arms and Explosives Act (Cap. 238); or
- (b) to lend, give, sell, hire or offer for sale or hire any arm to a person who has no licence to possess such arm issued under the Arms and Explosives Act;

“unlawful possession” means possession or control contrary to the provisions of the Arms and Explosives Act;

“use”, with its grammatical variations, means —

- (a) in relation to a firearm, air-gun, air-pistol, automatic gun, automatic pistol and any other kind of gun or pistol from which any shot, bullet or other missile can be discharged or noxious fluid, flame or fumes can be emitted — to cause such shot, bullet or other missile to be discharged or such noxious liquid, flame or fumes to be emitted with intent to cause physical injury to any person; and
- (b) in relation to a bomb or grenade — to throw the same, or to cause the same to explode, with intent to cause physical injury to any person or property.

Penalty for being in unlawful possession of arms or ammunition

3.—(1) Subject to subsection (4), any person who, after the commencement of this Act, is in unlawful possession of any arm or ammunition shall be guilty of an offence under this Act and shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term which may extend to ten years and shall also be punished with caning with not less than six strokes.

(2) Subject to subsection (4), any person who unlawfully carries any arm shall be guilty of an offence under this Act and shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term which may extend to fourteen years and shall also be punished with caning with not less than six strokes.

(3) Where any person at the time of his committing or at the time of his apprehension for any scheduled offence has on his person any arm, he shall be guilty of an offence under this Act and shall be punished on conviction to imprisonment for life and shall also be punished with caning with not less than six strokes.