

**SAMOA**

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**2006, No. 4****AN ACT to amend the Arms Ordinance 1960.***[1<sup>st</sup> March 2006]*

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Legislative Assembly of Samoa in Parliament assembled as follows:

**1. Short title and commencement-**(1) This Act may be cited as the Arms Amendment Act 2006.

(2) This Act shall come into force on the date of assent of the Head of State.

(3) Notice of commencement of this Act shall be published in Samoan and English in the Savali and one other newspaper circulating in Samoa.

**2. Principal Act** - In this Act, “Principal Act” means the Arms Ordinance 1960.

**3. Sale to and possession by young persons of firearms and ammunition** - Section 8 of the Principal Act is amended:

- (a) by omitting from subsection (1) “16” and substituting “21”; and
- (b) by omitting from subsection (2) “16” and substituting “21”.

**4. Registration of firearms** - Section 9 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after subsection (7):

“(7A) For the avoidance of doubt, every certificate of registration expires on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March each year and, subject to subsection (1), it is an offence under subsection (11) for a person other than a licensed dealer to fail to renew a certificate of registration or to be in possession of a firearm without a certificate of registration after that date.”.

**5. Certificate of registration may be refused or existing certificate revoked** - Section 10 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after subsection (1):

“(1A) For the purposes of the Ordinance, a person is not a fit and proper person if the person:

- (a) has within the last 5 years been convicted of an offence for which a term of imprisonment of more than 2 years but less than 5 years may be imposed; or
- (b) has at any time been convicted of an offence for which a term of imprisonment of 5 years or more may be imposed; or
- (c) is a person who, in the opinion of the Arms officer, is otherwise not a fit and proper person.”.

**6. Possession of unlawful weapons** - Section 12 of the Principal Act is amended: