



# Firearms (Amendment) Act 1988

## 1988 CHAPTER 45

### *Converted and de-activated weapons*

#### **6 Shortening of barrels**

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) below, it is an offence to shorten to a length less than 24 inches the barrel of any smooth-bore gun to which section 1 of the principal Act applies other than one which has a barrel with a bore exceeding 2 inches in diameter; and that offence shall be punishable—
  - (a) on summary conviction, with imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or both;
  - (b) on indictment, with imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or a fine or both.
- (2) It is not an offence under this section for a registered firearms dealer to shorten the barrel of a gun for the sole purpose of replacing a defective part of the barrel so as to produce a barrel not less than 24 inches in length.