Firearms (Amendment) Act 1997

1997 CHAPTER 5

PART IV E+W+S

FINAL PROVISIONS

49 Financial provisions. E+W+S

(1) Any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State which are attributable to the provisions of this Act, and any sums required by him for making payments under this Act, shall be paid out of money provided by Parliament.

[F1](2) . . . . . .

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 49(2) repealed (17.12.1997) by 1997 c. 64, s. 2(7), **Sch.**; S.I. 1997/3114, art. 3, **Sch. Pt. I**

50 Interpretation and supplementary provisions. E+W+S

(1) In this Act—

[F2] . . .

"small-calibre pistol" means—

(a) a pistol chambered for .22 or smaller rim-fire cartridges; or

(b) an air pistol to which section 1 of the 1968 Act applies and which is designed to fire .22 or smaller diameter ammunition;

"the 1968 Act" means the [M1]Firearms Act 1968;

"the 1988 Act" means the [M2]Firearms (Amendment) Act 1988.

(2) Any expression used in this Act which is also used in the 1968 Act or the 1988 Act has the same meaning as in that Act.

(3) Any reference in the 1968 Act to a person who is by virtue of that Act entitled to possess, purchase or acquire any weapon or ammunition without holding a certificate

shall include a reference to a person who is so entitled by virtue of any provision of this Act.

(4) Sections 46, 51(4) and 52 of the 1968 Act (powers of search, time-limit for prosecutions and forfeiture and cancellation orders on conviction) shall apply also to offences under this Act.

(5) Sections 53 to 56 and section 58 of the 1968 Act (rules, Crown application, service of notices and savings) shall have effect as if this Act were contained in that Act.

(6) The provisions of this Act shall be treated as contained in the 1968 Act for the purposes of the [M3]Firearms Act 1982 (imitation firearms readily convertible into firearms to which section 1 of the 1968 Act applies).

Textual Amendments

F2 Definition in s. 50(1) repealed (17.12.1997) by 1997 c. 64, s. 2(7), **Sch.**; S.I. 1997/3114, art. 3, **Sch. Pt. I**

Marginal Citations

M1 1968 c. 27.
M2 1988 c. 45.
M3 1982 c. 31.

51 Power to make transitional, consequential etc. provisions. E+W+S

(1) The Secretary of State may by regulations make such transitional and consequential provisions and such savings as he considers necessary or expedient in preparation for, in connection with, or in consequence of—

(a) the coming into force of any provision of this Act; or

(b) the operation of any enactment repealed or amended by a provision of this Act during any period when the repeal or amendment is not wholly in force.

(2) Regulations under this section may make modifications of any enactment contained in this or in any other Act.

(3) The power to make regulations under subsection (2) above shall be exercisable by statutory instrument which shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

Subordinate Legislation Made

P1 S. 51 power partly exercised (18.6.1997): 1.7.1997 appointed day by S.I. 1997/1538

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 51 extended (17.12.1997) by 1997 c. 64, **s. 2(6)**; S.I. 1997/3114, art. 3, **Sch. Pt. I**

52 Minor and consequential amendments and repeals. E+W+S

(1) Schedule 2 (minor and consequential amendments) shall have effect.

(2) The enactments mentioned in Schedule 3 (which include spent enactments) are repealed to the extent specified in the third column of that Schedule.

Commencement Information

I1 S. 52 partly in force; s. 52 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 53(3)(4); s. 52 in force for certain purposes at 1.7.1997 by S.I. 1997/1535, art. 3(b), **Sch. Pt. I** and for certain further purposes at 1.10.1997 by S.I. 1997/1535 art. 3(c), Sch. Pt. II

PROSPECTIVE

53 Short title, commencement and extent. E+W+S

(1) This Act may be cited as the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1997.

(2) This Act and the Firearms Acts 1968 to 1992 may be cited together as the Firearms Acts 1968 to 1997.

(3) This Act shall come into force on such day as the Secretary of State may by order made by statutory instrument appoint; and different days may be appointed for different purposes and different areas.

(4) An order under subsection (3) above may contain such transitional provision and savings (whether or not involving the modification of any statutory provision) as appear to the Secretary of State to be necessary or expedient in connection with any provisions brought into force.

(5) This Act does not extend to Northern Ireland.

Subordinate Legislation Made

P2 S. 53(3)(4) power partly exercised (15.3.1997): 17.3.1997 appointed for specified provisions by S.I. 1997/1076, **art. 2**
S. 53(3)(4) power partly exercised (10.6.1997): different dates appointed for specified provisions by S.I. 1997/1535

Status:
This version of this part contains provisions that are prospective.

Changes to legislation:
There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1997, Part IV.