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*House of Representatives,  
14th October, 1930.*

*Hon. Mr. Cobbe.*

**ARMS AMENDMENT.**

**ANALYSIS.**

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| <p>Title.</p> <p>1. Short Title.</p> <p>2. Firearms, ammunition, or explosives brought to New Zealand without permit may be seized and detained.</p> <p>3. Restricting the provisions of principal Act requiring the issue of a permit for purchase of explosives. Repeal.</p> <p>4. Restricting the provisions of principal Act requiring the registration of owners of shot-guns.</p> | <p>5. Repeal.</p> <p>6. Section 12 of principal Act (as to the record of sales to be kept by licensed dealers) amended.</p> <p>7. Provisions as to seizure of firearms, &amp;c., in possession of intoxicated or mentally defective person.</p> <p>8. Extending power of Commissioner of Police to authorize seizure of explosives.</p> <p>9. Authorizing disposal of firearms, &amp;c., detained by police under authority of principal Act.</p> |
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**A BILL INTITULED**

**AN ACT to amend the Arms Act, 1920.**

**Title.**

**BE IT ENACTED** by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Arms Amendment Act, 1930, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Arms Act, 1920 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

**Short Title.**

2. Section six of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:—

Firearms, ammunition, or explosives brought to New Zealand without permit may be seized and detained.

“(5) If any officer of police or Customs has reasonable grounds to suspect that any firearms, ammunition, or explosives have been brought into New Zealand in breach of this section, or have been brought into the territorial waters of New Zealand and are intended to be brought into New Zealand in breach of this section, that officer may seize such firearms, ammunition, or explosives and detain the same. In any such case, such force may be used as is reasonably necessary for effecting the seizure of such goods.”

3. (1) Section seven of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding to subsection three the following words: “or to explosives required for blasting operations in any lawful work”.

Restricting the provisions of principal Act requiring the issue of a permit for purchase of explosives.

(2) Section six of the Arms Amendment Act, 1921–22, is hereby repealed.

**Repeal.**

Restricting the provisions of principal Act requiring the registration of owners of shot-guns.

Repeal.

Section 12 of principal Act (as to the record of sales to be kept by licensed dealers) amended.

Provisions as to seizure of firearms, &c., in possession of intoxicated or mentally defective person.

Extending power of Commissioner of Police to authorize seizure of explosives.

Authorizing disposal of firearms, &c., detained by police under authority of principal Act.

4. Section nine of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:—

“(8) Nothing in this section shall apply to shot-guns of a kind ordinarily used in New Zealand for sporting purposes.”

5. Subsection four of section eleven of the principal Act is hereby repealed. 5

6. Section twelve of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from subsection one the words “for the purchase of which a permit is required by this Act”.

7. Section fifteen of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following as subsection two thereof:— 10

“(2) If any officer of police has reasonable grounds to suspect that any person has in his possession or under his control in any place any firearm, ammunition, or explosive, and that such person is of unsound mind, or is in a state of intoxication, or has attempted or threatened to kill or do serious bodily injury to himself or any other person, the officer may, without warrant, search that person or place, and may detain that person for the purpose of such search, and may seize any such firearm, ammunition, or explosive, and detain the same.” 15

8. Section seventeen of the principal Act is hereby amended as follows:— 20

(a) By inserting, after the words “under this Act” in subsection one, the following words: “or kept or stored at any place licensed under the Explosive and Dangerous Goods Act, 1908, for the manufacture or storage of explosives”; and 25

(b) By omitting from subsection three the words “lawfully in possession of a licensed dealer”.

9. (1) Without limiting the operation of any other provisions as to the disposal of firearms, ammunition, or explosives seized or detained under the principal Act, any such firearms, ammunition, or explosives that have been detained for not less than twelve months may be disposed of in such manner as the Commissioner of Police may direct. 30

(2) Nothing in this section shall limit the authority of a Magistrate to make an order for the restoration of any such firearms, ammunition, or explosives on complaint made under section nineteen of the principal Act. 35