

## ARMS AMENDMENT BILL

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

THIS Bill makes several amendments to the Arms Act 1958.

*Clause 2. Subclause (1)* substitutes a new definition of the term "pistol". The present definition is limited to firearms with a barrel length of not more than twelve inches but the new definition includes any firearm which is designed or adapted to be held and fired with one hand (irrespective of its barrel length) and any firearm with an overall length of less than thirty inches. The new definition is much wider in its scope and for this reason provision is made in *subclause (2)* so that any person who, at the date of the passing of this Act, is the owner of any firearm which is not a "pistol" within the meaning of the old definition but which is a "pistol" within the meaning of the new definition is given six months within which to apply for registration of the firearm and for a licence to carry it. If a licence to carry it is refused the owner may surrender the firearm and any ammunition for it to the Police and be paid compensation.

*Clause 3* amends section 4 of the Act so that members of the Police may inspect firearms and ammunition in the possession of licensed dealers.

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*Hon. Mr Allen*

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### ANALYSIS

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### A BILL INTITULED

#### An Act to amend the Arms Act 1958

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

1. **Short Title**—This Act may be cited as the Arms Amendment Act 1968, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Arms Act 1958\* (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

10 2. **Interpretation**—(1) Section 2 of the principal Act (as amended by section 2 of the Arms Amendment Act 1964) is hereby further amended by repealing the definition of the term “pistol”, and substituting the following definition:  
15 “‘Pistol’ means any firearm which is designed or adapted to be held and fired with one hand; and includes any firearm that is less than thirty inches in length.”.

\*1958, No. 21

Amendments: 1962, No. 59; 1964, No. 36; 1966, No. 18

(2) Every person who is the owner, at the date of the passing of this Act, of a firearm which is not a pistol within the meaning of the definition substituted by section 2 of the Arms Amendment Act 1964 but which is a pistol within the meaning of the definition substituted by subsection (1) 5 of this section:

(a) Shall if ...

