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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 18 of 2019

[L.S.]

AN ACT to amend the Firearms Act, Chap. 16:01.

[Assented to 19th September, 2019]

ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as Enactment
follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the Firearms Short title
(Amendment) Act, 2019.

2. In this Act, "the Act" means the Firearms Act.

Interpretation
Chap. 16:01

- Section 2 amended **2A.** Section 2(1) of the Act is amended by inserting after the definition of “licence” the following definition:
“life” means the natural life of a person;”.
- Section 6 amended **3.** Section 6 of the Act is amended—
- (a) in subsection (3) by repealing paragraphs (a) and (b) and substituting the following:
- “(a) an offence under subsection (1)
- (i) on summary conviction for a first offence to a fine of five hundred thousand dollars and to imprisonment for fifteen years; or
 - (ii) on conviction on indictment for a first offence to imprisonment for twenty years; and
 - (iii) on conviction on indictment for a second or any subsequent offence to imprisonment for twenty-five years;
- (b) an offence under subsection (2)
- (i) on summary conviction for a first offence to a fine of one million dollars and to imprisonment for fifteen years; or
 - (ii) on conviction on indictment for a first offence to imprisonment for twenty years; and
 - (iii) on conviction on indictment for a second or any subsequent offence to imprisonment for twenty-five years.”;

- (b) in subsection (4)—
 - (i) in paragraph (a) by deleting the word “seventy-five” and substituting the words “five hundred”; and
 - (ii) in paragraph (b)(i) by deleting the word “seventy-five thousand” and substituting the word “one million”.

4. Section 8 of the Act is amended by deleting the Section 8 amended word—

- (a) “forty” and substituting the words “two hundred and fifty”; and
- (b) “eight” and substituting the word “ten”.

5. Section 9 of the Act is amended— Section 9 amended

- (a) in subsection (1) by repealing paragraphs (a) and (b) and substituting the following:
 - “(a) on summary conviction for a first offence to a fine of five hundred thousand dollars and to imprisonment for ten years; or
 - (b) on conviction on indictment for a first offence to imprisonment for twenty years;
 - (c) on conviction on indictment for a second offence to imprisonment for twenty-five years;
 - (d) on conviction on indictment for a third or any subsequent offence to imprisonment for life.”;
- (b) in subsection (2) by deleting the words “on summary conviction to a fine of forty thousand dollars or to imprisonment

for ten years” and substituting the following:

“(a) on summary conviction for a first offence to a fine of five hundred thousand dollars and to imprisonment for ten years; or

(b) on conviction on indictment for a first offence to imprisonment for twenty years;

(c) on conviction on indictment for a second offence to imprisonment for twenty-five years;

(d) on conviction on indictment for a third or any subsequent offence to imprisonment for life.”; and

(c) in subsection (4) by deleting the words “twenty years” and substituting the word “life”.

Section 9A inserted

6. The Act is amended by inserting after section 9 the following new section:

“Trafficking
of firearm or
prohibited
weapon

9A. (1) A person who has in his possession two or more firearms or prohibited weapons is deemed to have the firearms or prohibited weapons for the purpose of trafficking the firearms or prohibited weapons, unless the contrary is proved, the burden of proof being on the accused, and such person commits an offence and is liable—

(a) on summary conviction for a first offence to a fine of one million dollars and to imprisonment for fifteen years; or

- (b) on conviction on indictment for a first offence to imprisonment for twenty years;
- (c) on conviction on indictment for a second offence to imprisonment for twenty-five years; and
- (d) on conviction on indictment for a third or any subsequent offence to imprisonment for life.

(2) In this section, “trafficking” includes importing, exporting, acquiring, delivering, selling or transferring firearms or prohibited weapons.”.

7. Section 10(1) of the Act is amended by repealing Section 10 amended paragraphs (a) and (b) and substituting the following:

- “(a) on summary conviction for a first offence to a fine of seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars and to imprisonment for fifteen years; or
- (b) on conviction on indictment for a first offence to imprisonment for twenty years; and
- (c) on conviction on indictment for a second or any subsequent offence to imprisonment for twenty-five years.”.

8. Section 11(1) of the Act is amended by— Section 11 amended

- (a) deleting the words “on summary conviction to a fine of fifteen thousand dollars” and substituting the following:
 - “(a) on summary conviction for a first offence to a fine of five hundred thousand dollars and to imprisonment for ten years; or

(b) on conviction on indictment for a first offence to imprisonment for fifteen years; and

(c) on conviction on indictment for a second or any subsequent offence to imprisonment for twenty years”; and

(b) renumbering paragraphs (a) to (d) as paragraphs (i) to (iv).

Section 13
amended

9. Section 13(1) of the Act is amended by deleting the word “fifteen” and substituting the word “twenty-five”.

Section 13A
amended

10. Section 13A(1) of the Act is amended by deleting the word—

(a) “thirty” and substituting the words “two hundred and fifty”; and

(b) “five” and substituting the word “fifteen”.

Section 13B
amended

11. Section 13B of the Act is amended by deleting the word—

(a) “twenty” and substituting the words “two hundred”; and

(b) “two” and substituting the word “five”.

Section 14 amended

12. Section 14 of the Act is amended by deleting the words “three hundred dollars or to imprisonment for six months” and substituting the words “fifty thousand dollars and to imprisonment for two years”.

Section 15
amended

13. Section 15(3) of the Act is amended by repealing paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) and substituting the following:

“(a) an offence in relation to the manufacture of prohibited weapons—

(i) on summary conviction for a first offence to a fine of one million dollars and to imprisonment for fifteen years; or

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- (ii) on conviction on indictment for a first offence to imprisonment for twenty years;
 - (iii) on conviction on indictment for a second offence to imprisonment for twenty-five years;
 - (iv) on conviction on indictment for a third or any subsequent offence to imprisonment for life;
- (b) an offence in relation to the manufacture of firearms or ammunition, other than a prohibited weapon—
- (i) on summary conviction for a first offence to a fine of seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars and to imprisonment for fifteen years; or
 - (ii) on conviction on indictment for a first offence to imprisonment for twenty years; and
 - (iii) on conviction on indictment for a second offence to imprisonment for twenty-five years; and
 - (iv) on conviction on indictment for a third or any subsequent offence to imprisonment for life;
- (c) an offence in relation to paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection (1)—
- (i) on summary conviction for a first offence to a fine of seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars and to imprisonment for fifteen years; or
 - (ii) on conviction on indictment for a first offence to imprisonment for twenty years; and
 - (iii) on conviction on indictment for a second offence to imprisonment for twenty-five years; and

- (iv) on conviction on indictment for a third or any subsequent offence to imprisonment for life;
- (d) an offence in relation to paragraph (c) of subsection (1)—
 - (i) on summary conviction for a first offence to a fine of one million dollars and to imprisonment for fifteen years; or
 - (ii) on conviction on indictment for a first offence to imprisonment for twenty years; and
 - (iii) on conviction on indictment for a second offence to imprisonment for twenty-five years; and
 - (iv) on conviction on indictment for a third or any subsequent offence to imprisonment for life.”.

Section 22 amended **14.** Section 22(2) of the Act is amended by—

- (a) inserting after the word “who” the words “, without reasonable excuse,”; and
- (b) deleting the words “three thousand dollars or to imprisonment for nine months” and substituting the words “twenty-five thousand dollars and to imprisonment for one year”.

Section 23 amended **15.** Section 23(2) of the Act is amended by repealing paragraphs (a) and (b) and substituting the following:

- “(a) on summary conviction for a first offence to a fine of one hundred thousand dollars and to imprisonment for ten years; or
- (b) on conviction on indictment for a first offence to imprisonment for fifteen years; and

- (c) on conviction on indictment for a second or any subsequent offence to imprisonment for twenty years.”.

16. Section 24(4) of the Act is amended by deleting Section 24 amended the words “two thousand dollars or to imprisonment for twelve months” and substituting the words “one hundred thousand dollars and to imprisonment for five years”.

17. Section 25(2) of the Act is amended by deleting Section 25 amended the words “five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for six months” and substituting the words “fifty thousand dollars and to imprisonment for two years”.

18. Section 26(6) of the Act is amended by deleting Section 26 amended the word—

- (a) “five” and substituting the words “one hundred”; and
- (b) “three” and substituting the word “five”.

19. Section 27(7) of the Act is amended by deleting Section 27 amended the words “three thousand dollars or to imprisonment for eighteen months” and substituting the words “one hundred thousand dollars and to imprisonment for five years”.

20. Section 28 of the Act is amended— Section 28 amended

- (a) in subsection (1A) by deleting the words “seven thousand, five hundred” and substituting the words “one hundred thousand”; and
- (b) in subsection (2) by deleting the words “seven thousand dollars or” and substituting the words “fifty thousand dollars and”.

21. Section 29(2) of the Act is amended by deleting— Section 29 amended

- (a) the words “seven thousand dollars or” and substituting the words “fifty thousand dollars and”; and

- (b) the word “three” and substituting the word “five”.

Section 30 amended

22. Section 30(5) of the Act is amended by deleting the word—

- (a) “fifteen” and substituting the words “two hundred”; and
- (b) “six” and substituting the word “ten”.

Section 31 amended

23. Section 31(2) of the Act is amended—

- (a) in paragraph (a) by repealing subparagraphs (i) and (ii) and substituting the following:

- “(i) on summary conviction for a first offence to a fine of one million dollars and to imprisonment for fifteen years; or

- (ii) on conviction on indictment for a first offence to imprisonment for twenty years; and

- (iii) on conviction on indictment for a second offence to imprisonment for twenty-five years; and

- (iv) on conviction on indictment for a third or any subsequent offence to imprisonment for life;”;

- (b) in paragraph (c) by repealing subparagraphs (i) and (ii) and substituting the following:

- “(i) on summary conviction for a first offence to a fine of five hundred thousand dollars and to imprisonment for fifteen years; or

- (ii) on conviction on indictment for a first offence to imprisonment for twenty years; and

- (iii) on conviction on indictment for a second offence to imprisonment for twenty-five years; and
- (iv) on conviction on indictment for a third or any subsequent offence to imprisonment for life.”.

24. Section 32(6) of the Act is amended by deleting Section 32 amended the words “forty thousand dollars or” and substituting the words “two hundred and fifty thousand dollars and”.

25. Section 33(5) of the Act is amended by deleting— Section 33 amended

- (a) the word “seventy-five” and substituting the words “two hundred and fifty”; and
- (b) the words “two hundred and twenty-five” and substituting the words “five hundred”.

26. Section 34(3) of the Act is amended by deleting— Section 34 amended

- (a) the word “seventy-five” and substituting the words “two hundred and fifty”; and
- (b) the words “two hundred and twenty-five” and substituting the words “five hundred”.

27. Section 40(8) of the Act is amended by deleting Section 40 amended the words “fifteen thousand dollars or” and substituting the words “one hundred thousand dollars and”.

Passed in the Senate this 2nd day of July, 2019.

B. CAESAR
Clerk of the Senate

Passed in the House of Representatives this 9th day of September, 2019.

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