

Control of Weapons Bill

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A BILL

to regulate weapons other than firearms, to repeal the *Prescribed Weapons Act 1989*, to amend the *Crimes Act 1958*, the *Firearms Act 1958*, the *Summary Offences Act 1966* and the *Vagrancy Act 1966* and for other purposes.

Control of Weapons Act 1989

The Parliament of Victoria enacts as follows:

Purpose

1. The purpose of this Act is to regulate weapons other than firearms.

Commencement

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2. This Act comes into operation on a day or days to be proclaimed.

Definitions

3. In this Act—

“**Dangerous article**” means any article which—

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- (a) has been adapted or modified so as to be capable of being used as a weapon; or
 - (b) is capable of being used as a weapon to cause serious injury.

“**Offensive weapon**” means any article which is prescribed by the regulations to be an offensive weapon.

(h) In section 49 (1) (db) for “prohibited weapons” substitute “prohibited firearms”.

Amendment to *Summary Offences Act 1966*

14. In section 60A of the *Summary Offences Act 1966* omit “4 (k) or”.

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Amendment to *Crimes Act 1958*

15. In section 29 (3) (a) of the *Crimes Act 1958* for “prohibited weapon” substitute “prohibited firearm”.

Amendment to *Vagrancy Act 1966*

16. In section 8 of the *Vagrancy Act 1966* for paragraph (a) substitute:

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“(a) is armed, with criminal intent, with—

- (i) a firearm or an imitation firearm within the meaning of section 29 (3) of the *Crimes Act 1958*; or
- (ii) a prescribed weapon or an offensive weapon within the meaning of section 3 of the *Control of Weapons Act 1989*.”

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