
Committee Stage: Wednesday 15 March 2023

Firearms Bill (Amendment Paper)

This document lists all amendments tabled to the Firearms Bill. Any withdrawn amendments are listed at the end of the document. The amendments are arranged in the order in which it is expected they will be decided.

This document should be read alongside the Chair's provisional Selection and Grouping, which sets out the order in which the amendments will be debated.

Holly Lynch

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Clause 1, page 1, line 19, at end insert —

“(4B) Before a firearm certificate may be issued or renewed for an operator of a range or gallery under this section, the chief officer of police must be satisfied that there is nothing in the social media profile of the applicant for an operator’s licence to indicate that the applicant is not fit to be entrusted with a miniature rifle or ammunition for a miniature rifle.”

Member's explanatory statement

The intention of this amendment is to ensure that social media profiles are taken into account in the granting of the firearms licences which will be required under this Bill.

Holly Lynch

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Clause 1, page 1, line 19, at end insert—

“(4C) Before a firearm certificate may be issued or renewed for an operator of a range or gallery under this section, the chief officer of police must meet privately with members of the applicant’s family or household before deciding whether the applicant is fit to be entrusted with a firearm under section 27 of this Act.”

Holly Lynch

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Clause 1, page 1, line 23, at end insert—

“In section 32ZA (Fees in connection with authority under section 5), after subsection (3) insert—

“(3A) Any regulations relating to fees for licences issued under section 11 of this Act relating to miniature rifle ranges must require payment equal to the expected cost of issuing such licences.””

Claudia Webbe

NC3

To move the following Clause—

“Requirement for Air Weapon Certificate

- (1) The Firearms Act 1968 is amended as follows.
- (2) After paragraph (ag) insert—
 - (ah) any air weapon
 - (ai) the expression “air weapon” includes—
 - (i) the component parts of an air weapon (within the meaning of section 1(3)(b) of the 1968 Act), and
 - (ii) any accessory to such a weapon designed or adapted to diminish the noise caused by discharging the weapon.
 - (aj) but the expression does not include—
 - (i) an air weapon which is not a firearm (within the meaning of section 57(1) of the 1968 Act),
 - (ii) an air weapon (within the meaning of section 1(3)(b) of the 1968 Act) which is not capable of discharging a missile with kinetic energy of more than one joule as measured at the muzzle of the weapon, or
 - (iii) an air weapon (within the meaning of section 1(3)(b) of the 1968 Act) that is designed to be used only when submerged in water, or
 - (iv) the component parts of an air weapon described in paragraph (aj) (i) or (aj) (ii) or (aj) (iii).””

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause amends the Firearms Bill to include air weapons (eg air gun, air rifle or air pistol etc) amongst the weapons prohibited under section 5 of the Firearms Act 1968.

Withdrawn Amendments

The following amendments were withdrawn on 10 March 2023:

NC1

The following amendments were withdrawn on 13 March 2023:

NC2