

# Offensive Weapons Bill

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**Clause 17**

LORD LUCAS

Page 17, line 24, at end insert—

“( ) For the purposes of this section a person in the United Kingdom is to be regarded as a seller if they perform fulfilment functions for a seller outside the United Kingdom.”

*Member’s explanatory statement*

*This amendment is intended to ensure that UK fulfilment operations are liable under the Bill.*

**Clause 20**

LORD LUCAS

Page 19, line 42, leave out paragraph (d) and insert—

“( ) that person should have been aware when they entered into the arrangement that it might cover the delivery of bladed articles, and had not taken adequate precautions to ensure that it did not, and”

*Member’s explanatory statement*

*This amendment is intended to enable discussion of how knives ordered from overseas websites will be prevented from being delivered to persons under 18.*

**After Clause 31**

LORD LUCAS

Insert the following new Clause—

**“Increased security measures for certain firearms**

- (1) The Firearms Act 1968 is amended as follows.
- (2) Before section 5 insert—

**“4B Increased security measures for certain firearms**

**After Clause 31 - continued**

- (1) A person commits an offence if, other than at times when he or she has a weapon specified in this section on or about his or her person, it is not secured in accordance with Home Office Level 3 Security.
- (2) The weapons specified in this section are—
  - (a) any rifle with a calibre greater than .45 inches, or
  - (b) any rifle with a chamber from which empty cartridge cases are extracted using—
    - (i) energy from propellant gas, or
    - (ii) energy imparted to a spring or other energy storage device by propellant gas.””

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment is intended to enable discussion of security measures for firearms generally.*

## THE EARL OF SHREWSBURY

Insert the following new Clause—

**“Implementation of firearms licensing guidance**

- (1) The Secretary of State must, within the period of six months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed, publish a report on how the Government’s Guide on Firearms Licensing Law (April 2016) is being implemented.
- (2) A report under subsection (1) must be laid before both Houses of Parliament.
- (3) The Secretary of State must include in a report under this section—
  - (a) an assessment of the number of encoded reminders that have been placed on the patient records of firearms licence applicants following the grant or renewal of a firearms licence,
  - (b) an assessment of the fees charged by General Practitioners to provide medical information to support a firearms licence application, and
  - (c) an assessment of the number of General Practitioners who have refused to provide medical information to support a firearms licence application, and the reasons for those refusals.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This new clause would place a duty on the Secretary of State to report within six months of the passing of this Act on how the Government’s Guide on Firearms Licensing Law is being implemented, particularly in relation to medical information.*

**Clause 32**

## LORD LUCAS

Page 33, line 11, leave out subsection (2)

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment is intended to enable discussion of alternatives to the prohibition of certain rifles.*

**Clause 33**

LORD KENNEDY OF SOUTHWARK

Leave out Clause 33 and insert the following new Clause –

**“Prohibition of certain firearms etc: Northern Ireland**

- (1) The Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 2004 (SI 2004/702 (NI 3)) is amended as follows.
- (2) In Article 45 (weapons subject to general prohibition), in paragraph (1), after sub-paragraph (e) insert –
  - “(ea) any rifle from which a shot, bullet or other missile, with kinetic energy of more than 13,600 joules at the muzzle of the weapon, can be discharged;
  - (eb) any rifle with a chamber from which empty cartridge cases are extracted using –
    - (i) energy from propellant gas, or
    - (ii) energy imparted to a spring or other energy storage device by propellant gas,other than a rifle which is chambered for .22 rimfire cartridges;”.
- (3) In Article 45(1), for the “and” at the end of sub-paragraph (f) substitute –
  - “(fa) any device (commonly known as a bump stock) which is designed or adapted so that –
    - (i) it is capable of forming part of or being added to a self-loading firearm, and
    - (ii) if it forms part of or is added to such a firearm, it increases the rate of fire of the firearm by using the recoil from the firearm to generate repeated pressure on the trigger; and”.
- (4) In Article 2(2) (interpretation), in the definition of “prohibited weapon” and “prohibited ammunition”, after “including,” insert “in the case of weapons, any devices falling within paragraph (1)(fa) of that Article and,”.
- (5) In Article 70(1)(a) (minimum sentence for certain offences), in each of heads (ii) and (iv), after “(e)” insert “, (ea), (eb), (fa)”.
- (6) In Schedule 5 (table of punishments) –
  - (a) in the entry for Article 45(1)(a), (aa), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (g), in the first column, after “(e)” insert “, (ea), (eb), (fa)”;
  - (b) in the entry for Article 61(1), in the third column, for “or (e)” substitute “, (e), (ea), (eb) or (fa)”, and
  - (c) in the entry for Article 62(1), in the third column, for “or (e)” substitute “, (e), (ea), (eb) or (fa)”.
- (7) The amendments made by subsection (5) apply only in relation to –
  - (a) an offence under Article 45(1)(ea), (eb) or (fa) of the Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 2004 (SI 2004/702 (NI 3)) which is committed after the coming into force of subsection (5), and
  - (b) an offence under a provision listed in Article 70(1A) of that Order in respect of a firearm specified in Article 45(1)(ea), (eb) or (fa) of that Order which is committed after the coming into force of subsection (5).”

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