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This Chapter contains no subsidiary legislation.

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RESTRICTION OF OFFENSIVE WEAPONS ACT

An Act to prohibit the importation, manufacture, sale or other disposition of certain offensive weapons. 1 of 1960.

[11TH FEBRUARY 1960] Commencement.

1. This Act may be cited as the Restriction of Offensive Weapons Act. Short title.

2. (1) Any person who imports, manufactures, sells, hires or offers for sale or hire or lends or gives to any other person or has in his possession— Prohibition of manufacture, sale, importation, etc., of certain types of knives.

(a) any knife which has a blade which opens automatically by hand pressure applied to a button, spring or other device in or attached to any part of the knife, commonly known as a "flick knife" or "flick gun"; or

(b) any knife which has a blade which is released from the handle or sheath thereof by the force of gravity or the application of centrifugal force and which, when released, is locked in place by means of a button, spring, lever or other device, commonly known as a "gravity knife"; or

(c) any knife or any sharpened or pointed instrument which has been built in or forms an integral part of—

(i) a walking stick or stick; or

(ii) any other article purporting to be, or so nearly resembling as to be calculated to deceive, any other article,

and which is released automatically or otherwise from such walking stick, stick or other article by the manipulation of a button, spring, knob or other device in, on or attached to such walking stick, stick or other article, or by any other method whatsoever,

is liable on summary conviction to a fine of seven hundred and fifty dollars and to imprisonment for six months and on conviction on indictment to a fine of one thousand five hundred dollars and to imprisonment for two years.

(2) The importation of any such knife or sharpened or pointed instrument as is described in subsection (1) is hereby prohibited.

(3) Where a person is convicted of an offence under subsection (1), the Court shall make an order for the forfeiture and destruction of the knife or sharpened or pointed instrument in respect of which the offence was committed.

(4) A constable may arrest without warrant any person whom he has reasonable cause to suspect to be committing an offence under subsection (1), if the constable is not satisfied as to that person's identity or place of residence, or has reasonable cause to believe that it is necessary to arrest him in order to prevent the commission by him of any other offence in the course of committing which any knife or pointed or sharpened instrument described in subsection (1) might be used.

(5) In this section the expression "import" has the meaning assigned to it by section 2 of the Customs Act.

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