

Prescribed Weapons Bill

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Clause 1 sets out the purposes of the Act.

Clause 2 provides for the Act to come into operation on a day to be proclaimed.

Clause 3 introduces new provisions to prohibit the manufacture, sale, purchase, possession, carriage, and use of weapons prescribed in regulations. Provision is made for regulation-making powers in respect to prescribing weapons and exemptions from the provisions can be made by Order in Council. The existing reference to 'prohibited weapons' is being amended to refer specifically to prohibited firearm and related articles.

Clause 4 amends the short title of the *Firearms Act 1958* to the *Firearms and Other Weapons Act 1958*.

The *Schedule* sets out the amendments to other legislation consequential on the change in the name of the Principal Act.

