



## ANALYSIS

Title	2. Permits for firearms
1. Short Title	3. Possession of unlawful weapons

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1962, No. 59

**An Act to amend the Arms Act 1958**

[6 December 1962

**BE IT ENACTED** by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

**1. Short Title**—This Act may be cited as the Arms Amendment Act 1962, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Arms Act 1958 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

**2. Permits for firearms**—Subsection (3) of section 7 of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following proviso:

“Provided that no permit in respect of a pistol shall be issued under this section otherwise than by a commissioned officer of Police, who shall not issue the permit unless he is satisfied that there are special reasons justifying the issue of the permit.”

**3. Possession of unlawful weapons**—The principal Act is hereby amended by repealing section 12, and substituting the following section:

“12. (1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (2) and subsection (3) of this section, no person shall at any time be in possession of an unlawful weapon, or of any part or parts intended or adapted for use as part of an unlawful weapon, or of any ammunition for an unlawful weapon.

“(2) Before the expiry of one month after the notification in the *Gazette* of an Order in Council declaring any weapon to be an unlawful weapon, every person in possession of any such weapon or any part or parts intended or adapted for use as part of such a weapon or any ammunition for such a weapon shall cause the weapon, or the parts, or the ammunition to be destroyed or exported from New Zealand, or delivered to a member of the Police, and the Minister of Finance shall pay compensation out of the Consolidated Fund for the value of all weapons in a serviceable condition, and for all parts or ammunition delivered to a member of the Police in accordance with this subsection:

“Provided that no such compensation shall be paid unless the Minister is satisfied that the person claiming compensation has acquired the weapon or parts or ammunition lawfully and, if he has brought them into New Zealand, that he has done so lawfully.

“(3) Subject to any directions of the Minister in Charge of Police, the Commissioner of Police may, by licence in writing, authorise any person in any special case and for any special reason to have in his possession any unlawful weapon or any part or parts of an unlawful weapon or any ammunition for an unlawful weapon, subject to such conditions as to use or custody as the Commissioner may impose. Any such licence may at any time be revoked without notice by the Minister or the Commissioner.

“(4) Every person who is in possession of any weapon or parts or ammunition contrary to the provisions of this section or who fails to comply with any condition imposed under subsection (3) of this section commits an offence, and shall be liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds, or to both.”

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This Act is administered in the Police Department.

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