



BILLE NA nARM TINE (LEASÚ), 2015
FIREARMS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2015

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill aims to increase the presumptive minimum sentencing for firearms offences, in order to deter people from engaging in such criminal activities and adequately punish those who do.

Section 1

This section amends section 15 of the Firearms Act 1925, by increasing the presumptive minimum for possession of firearms with intent to endanger life from 10 years to 13.

Section 2

This section amends section 26 of Firearms Act 1964, which deals with possession of a firearm while taking a vehicle without authority, by increasing the presumptive maximum in section 2a from 14 to 16 years and a presumptive minimum from 5 to 7 years in sections 4, 4A, 6 and 8b.

Section 3

This section amends section 27 of Firearms Act 1964, using a firearm to assist or aid in an escape, by increasing the presumptive minimum from 10 years to 13 years.

Section 4

This section amends section 27A of Firearms Act 1964, which deals with possession of a firearm or ammunition in suspicious circumstances, by increasing the maximum sentence in section 2a from 14 to 16 years and a presumptive minimum from 5 to 7 years in sections 4, 4A, 6 and 8b.

Section 5

This section amends section 27B of Firearms Act 1964, which deals with carrying a firearm or imitation firearm with intent to commit an indictable offence or resist arrest, by increasing the maximum sentence in section 2a from 14 to 16 years and the presumptive minimum from 5 to 7 years in sections 4, 4A, 6 and 8b.

Section 6

This section amends Section 12A of the Act of 1990, which deals with shortening the barrel of a shotgun or rifle, by increasing the maximum sentence from 10 to 13 years in section 7a and the presumptive minimum from 5 to 7 years in sections 9, 9A, 11 and 13B

Section 7

This section deals with the short title and collective citation of the Act.

Deputy Robert Dowds,
Máirta, 2015.