

2025-08-20

Bill as amended in Senate

OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill would amend the *Firearms Act*, Cap. 179 to

- (a) revise the definition of “firearm”; and
- (b) vary the conditions the court shall consider when imposing sentence.

Arrangement of Sections

1. Short title
2. Amendment of section 2 of Cap. 179
3. Amendment of section 5 of Cap. 179
4. Amendment of section 30 of Cap. 179

BARBADOS

A Bill entitled

An Act to amend the *Firearms Act*, Cap. 179.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Barbados as follows:

Short title

- 1.** This Act may be cited as the *Firearms (Amendment) Act, 2025*.

Amendment of section 2 of Cap. 179

2. *Section 2(1) of the Firearms Act, Cap. 179, in this Act referred to as the principal Act, is amended by deleting the definition of “firearm” and substituting the following:*

“ “firearm”

(a) means

- (i) a gun or other barrelled weapon of any description from which any shot, bullet or other missile can be discharged, whether or not it is at any particular time capable of being fired;
- (ii) any accessory to a weapon referred to in subparagraph (i) that is designed or adapted to diminish the noise or flash caused by firing the weapon;
- (iii) any weapon of whatever description designed or adapted for the discharge of any explosive noxious liquid, gas, energy of any description or other thing;
- (iv) any signal gun; and
- (v) any air rifle, air gun, air weapon or air pistol;

(b) includes any major component part of a weapon referred to in paragraph (a)(i), (iii), (iv) and (v) specifically designed for use in a firearm including a barrel, slide, frame, hammer, firing pin, auto or automatic sear, sear, trigger, bolt and magazine; but

(c) does not include

- (i) an antique firearm that is not capable of discharging;
- (ii) a starting pistol;

- (iii) a toy gun; or
- (iv) a flare gun used or carried as a necessary part of safety equipment;”.

Amendment of section 5 of Cap. 179

3. *Section 5(4) of the principal Act is deleted and the following substituted:*

- “(4) A firearm licence shall contain permission for the holder to have in his possession
- (a) ammunition of a type, and not exceeding an amount, specified in the licence; and
 - (b) such parts or accessories as are reasonably necessary for the repair, maintenance or use of the firearm to which the licence applies.”.

Amendment of section 30 of Cap. 179

4. *Section 30(3) of the principal Act is amended by deleting paragraphs (b) and (c).*

Read three times and passed the House of Assembly this
day of _____, 2025.

Speaker

Read three times and passed the Senate this _____ day of
_____, 2025.

President