

Firearms Amendment (Good Behaviour Bonds) Bill 2006

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to limit the disqualification of persons subject to good behaviour bonds from holding firearms licences or permits or from dealing in firearms.

At present, a person who is subject to a good behaviour bond entered into as a result of being found guilty of any offence is disqualified from holding a firearms licence or permit and prohibited from being involved in a licensed firearms dealing business. This Bill has the effect that a person will only be disqualified if the person has been convicted of an offence involving the possession or use of firearms or other weapons, an offence involving a serious assault or a drug trafficking offence.

Outline of provisions

Clause 1 sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on the date of assent.

Clause 3 is a formal provision that gives effect to the amendments to the *FirearmsAct 1996* set out in Schedule 1.

Schedule 1 Amendments

Schedule 1 limits the disqualification of persons subject to good behaviour bonds from holding firearms licences or permits or from dealing in firearms.

Schedule 1 [1] inserts a definition of **drug trafficking offence**.

Schedule 1 [2] has the effect that a person will only be disqualified from holding a licence if the person has been convicted of an offence involving the possession or use of firearms or other weapons, an offence involving a serious assault or a drug trafficking offence.

Schedule 1 [3] has the effect that a person will only be disqualified from holding a permit if the person has been convicted of an offence involving the possession or use of firearms or other weapons, an offence involving a serious assault or a drug trafficking offence.

Schedule 1 [4] has the effect that a person will only be prohibited from being involved in a licensed firearms dealing business if the person has been convicted of an offence involving the possession or use of firearms or other weapons, an offence involving a serious assault or a drug trafficking offence.