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Firearms Amendment (Gun Safety) Bill 2012

Explanatory note

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

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Firearms Act 1996* to remove the exemption that currently allows unlicensed persons to possess and use firearms on approved shooting ranges. The Bill also amends the *Firearms Regulation 2006* to restate and limit the exemption under the Act that currently allows unlicensed persons to possess and use firearms while participating in firearms safety training courses.

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 to the proposed Act.

Schedule 1 Amendment of Firearms Act 1996 No 46

Schedule 1 omits the exemption in the *Firearms Act 1996* that currently allows unlicensed persons to possess and use firearms on approved shooting ranges while under the direct supervision of a licensed person.

Schedule 2 Amendment of Firearms Regulation 2006

Schedule 2 [1]–[4] remove references to the exemption that is omitted by Schedule 1.

Schedule 2 [5] restates the current exemption that allows unlicensed persons to possess and use firearms while participating in firearms safety training courses under the direct supervision of an approved firearms instructor. The new exemption is limited to persons who are undertaking the course known as the Firearms Licence Qualification Course or any other approved course. The exemption specifies that it commences when the person begins the firearms safety training course concerned and ends when that course is complete (or, if the person ceases the course at an earlier date, on that earlier date). The provision requires the person or body conducting the course to record certain particulars.

Schedule 2 [6] restates current requirements relating to the exemption for unlicensed persons undertaking firearms safety training courses. The requirements are imposed as conditions of the approval of a person to be an instructor for a firearms safety training course.