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Firearms Amendment (Permits for Self-loading Rifles) Bill 1996

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 enable the Commissioner of Police to issue permits authorising the possession and use of self-loading (ie rapid fire) rimfire or centre-fire rifles for the purpose of sport target shooting.

The amendments provide that only members of recognised rifle clubs which conduct competitions or activities involving self-loading rifles can apply for such a permit. The permit will authorise the holder of such a permit to possess a self-loading rifle for the purpose of sport target shooting and to use it only at a rifle range approved by the Commissioner. The permit holder will be required to comply with the same strict requirements relating to the safe storage of firearms that apply in respect of licences for pistols and self-loading firearms under the Act. The issuing of these permits will be subject to the provisions of the *Firearms Act 1996* relating to permits generally.

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 giving effect to amendments to the *Firearms Act 1996* set out in Schedule 1.

Schedule 1 amends the *Firearms Act 1996* in the manner described in the above outline.

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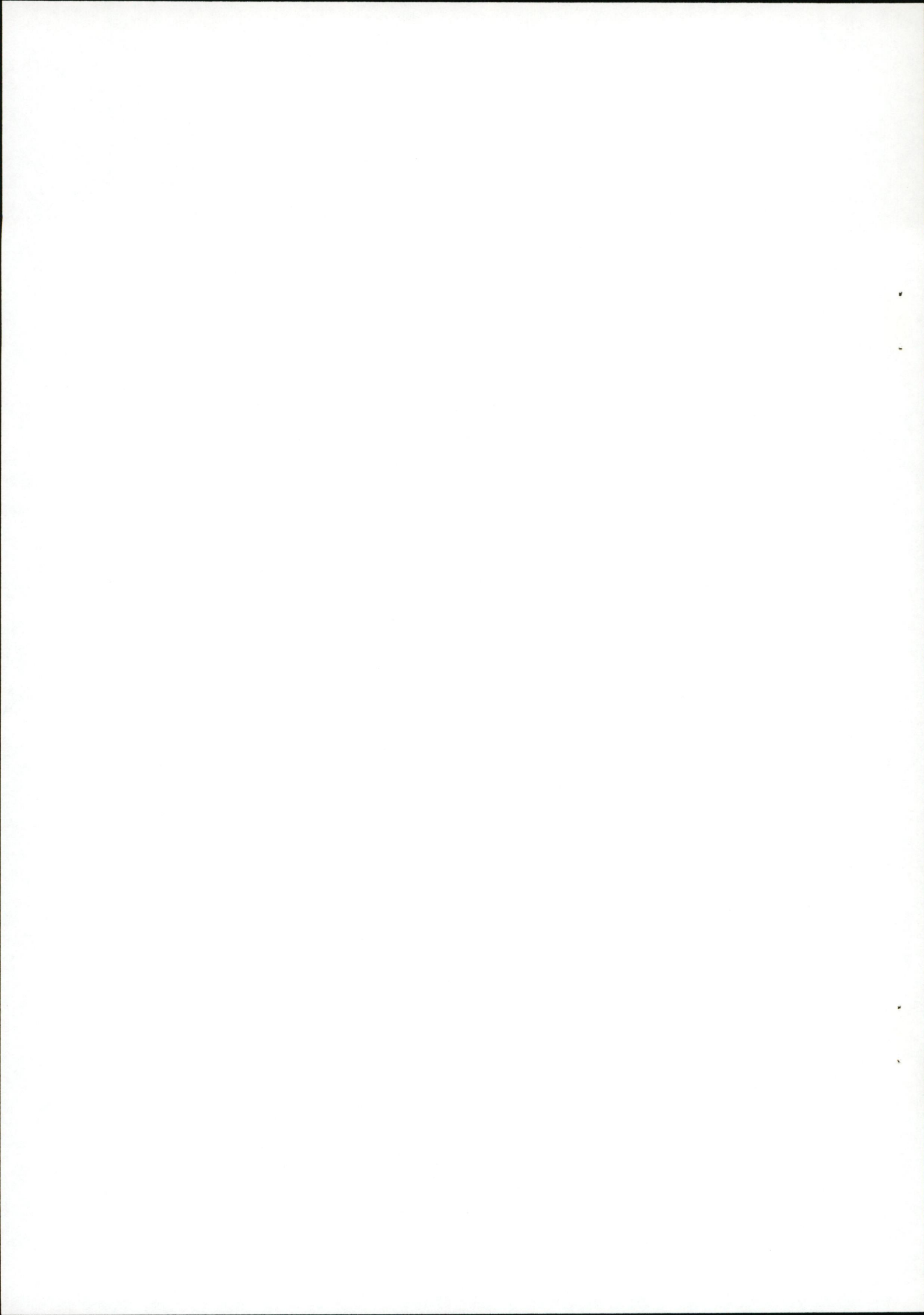


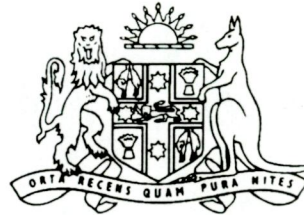
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No. , 1996

A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Firearms Act 1996* to provide for permits authorising the possession and use of self-loading rifles for sport target shooting purposes.

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:

1 Name of Act

This Act is the *Firearms Amendment (Permits for Self-loading Rifles) Act 1996*.

2 Commencement

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This Act commences on the date of assent.

3 Amendment of Firearms Act 1996 No 46

The *Firearms Act 1996* is amended as set out in Schedule 1.

Schedule 1 Amendments

(Section 3)

[1] Section 28 General power to issue permits

Insert after section 28 (e):

- (e1) to authorise the possession and use of self-loading rimfire or centre-fire rifles for the purpose of sport target shooting in accordance with section 32A, 5

[2] Section 32A

Insert after section 32:

32A Permits to possess and use self-loading rifles for sport target shooting purposes 10

- (1) A person who is a member of a recognised NSW rifle club may apply to the Commissioner for a permit to possess and use a self-loading rimfire or centre-fire rifle for the purpose of sport target shooting. 15
- (2) The Commissioner must not issue any such permit unless the Commissioner is satisfied that the applicant has completed such firearms safety training courses as may be prescribed by the regulations.
- (3) A permit under this section authorises the person to whom it is issued: 20
 - (a) to possess the self-loading rimfire or centre-fire rifle to which the permit relates for the purpose of sport target shooting only, and
 - (b) to use it for that purpose but only at a rifle range approved by the Commissioner. 25
- (4) A separate permit under this section is required in respect of each self-loading rifle.

(5) In this section:

recognised NSW rifle club means:

- (a) the New South Wales Rifle Association Incorporated, or
- (b) any club affiliated with that association and which conducts competitions or activities involving self-loading rimfire or centre-fire rifles. 5

[3] Section 41 Requirements relating to self-loading firearms and pistols

Insert "or a permit under section 32A" after "category H licence" in section 41 (1). 10

[4] Section 41 (1)

Insert "or permit" after "the licence".

[5] Section 41 (2)

Insert "or permit holder" after "licensee" wherever occurring. 15

[6] Section 41 (2)

Insert "or permit holder's" after "licensee's".