



RESTRICTIONS THAT COULD IMPACT YOUR RIGHT TO FIREARM OWNERSHIP



In our information piece relating to definitions contained in this controversial draft bill, we alluded to our concern about expanding the description of **Restricted Firearms**. Devices and ammunition are now added to section 4, providing for the prohibition of possession thereof, making it much more wide-reaching than before.

In the draft, the following is **added to this section**:

(a) by the substitution for paragraph (a) of the following paragraph

(a) any fully automatic firearm or a device or conversion kit to convert a semi-automatic firearm to a fully automatic firearm

***Our comment/viewpoint:** This amendment essentially prohibits the use of conversion kits in which a firearm owner can convert, as an example, a standard Glock pistol to an automatic firearm. Furthermore, the ownership of any imitation of an automatic or semi-automatic firearm will be prohibited (which includes toys and deactivated automatic firearms).*

In subsection (g) "the minister may by notice in the Gazette declare any specified type of ammunition to be prohibited ammunition which may not be possessed in terms of this act if it is":

- (i) in the interest of public safety
- (ii) desirable for the maintenance of law and order or
- (iii) to ensure the safety of law enforcement officials".

***Our comment/viewpoint:** This expansion gives the Minister the right to prohibit any type of ammunition, essentially discarding the owners' right to decide which ammunition would work best in their unique circumstances, type of firearm, or use. By declaring certain ammunition restricted, the use of certain firearms may be impacted, which will prohibit those firearms too. The reasonable expectation then? Even more firearms could be defined as prohibited. How do we manage this?*

OUR CONTINUED FOCUS

The actions we will be taking to stop this legislation include:

- **Legal pressure** on government to drop the proposed changes to the bill
- Challenging **anti-firearm propaganda** and misinformation
- Explaining why **firearm ownership is a civil right** for law-abiding citizens
- Giving thousands a voice to challenge and pressure the government through **commentary and petitions**
- **Collaboration** with industry stakeholders to **amplify our impact**

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