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for
AN ACT**

to amend the *Firearms Act*



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[Assented to 2000]

[Second reading 2000]

The Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory enacts as follows:

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Firearms Amendment Act 2000*.

2. Principal Act

The *Firearms Act* is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

3. Definitions

Section 3 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after the definition of "holder" in subsection (1) the following:

" 'international competitor' means a person who resides outside Australia and who is visiting Australia for the purpose of competing in an approved shooting competition;".

4. General restrictions on granting permits

Section 33 of the Principal Act is amended—

- (a) by omitting from subsection (1)(a) "unless" and substituting "or";

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- (b) by omitting from subsection (1)(d) "confirmed); or" and substituting "confirmed);";
- (c) by omitting from subsection (1)(e) "peace." and substituting "peace; and"; and
- (d) by inserting after subsection (1)(e) the following:
 - "(f) if the applicant is the holder of a firearms junior club licence –
 - (i) the applicant is at least 16 years of age and represents the Territory in competition shooting at national or international level; and
 - (ii) the application is accompanied by a written endorsement from the governing body in the Territory for the disciplines in which the applicant shoots that the applicant is a representative of the Territory."

5. New section

The Principal Act is amended by inserting after section 33 the following:

"33A. Possession and use of firearms by international competitors

"(1) An international competitor may possess or use a firearm for the sole purpose of competing in an approved shooting competition if he or she is the holder of—

- (a) a permit; or
- (b) a corresponding permit,

that authorises the possession or use of the firearm for that purpose.

"(2) Despite section 33, the Commissioner may grant a permit to an international competitor for the sole purpose of competing in an approved shooting competition if—

- (a) the applicant provides the Commissioner with the prescribed information; and
- (b) the Commissioner is satisfied that the applicant is a fit and proper person to possess or use a firearm of the category to which the permit relates."

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6. Transporting firearms

Section 66 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting "or a pistol" and substituting "or a category A firearm, category B firearm, category C firearm, category D firearm or category H firearm".

