

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
GUN LICENCE (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1979
ORDINANCE NO. 3 OF 1979

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

On 24 May 1978 the Gun Licence Ordinance 1937 was amended, inter alia, to increase fees for gun, pistol and gun dealers' licences. Many representations were received from shooting and sporting clubs and security organisations about the new fees. Each of the States of N.S.W., Victoria, South Australia and Queensland makes special provision for pistol club members. The Gun Licence (Amendment) Ordinance 1979 introduces this principle in the A.C.T. by reducing the licence fees for members of approved pistol clubs and for security firms in certain circumstances.

The fee for the grant or renewal of a pistol licence is presently \$15.00 for each pistol. This fee is reduced to \$5.00 for the first pistol licence and \$1.00 for a subsequent pistol where the applicant for such a grant or renewal is a member of an approved pistol club.

Security firms receive an exemption similar to that presently enjoyed by banks. This ensures that the firm remains a licensee and pays \$15.00 in respect of each pistol but any officer or servant of the firm, provided he is engaged in the service of the firm and, being a person approved by the Registrar, carries the pistol in that capacity will be deemed to be licensed in respect of that pistol. Therefore the payment of an additional \$15.00 fee for a licence for each employee who carries a pistol is not required.

The Gun Licence (Amendment) Ordinance 1979 provides for appeals to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal for reviews of decisions of the Registrar.

The Gun Licence (Amendment) Ordinance 1979 was not forwarded to the Australian Capital Territory Legislative Assembly for consideration and advice because of the need to act quickly to avoid the payment of the increased fees. However the Ordinance has been forwarded to the President of the Assembly for the information of members.

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