

# Offensive Weapons Act 2019

## **2019 CHAPTER 17**

## PART 6

## FIREARMS

## 54 Prohibition of certain firearms etc: England and Wales and Scotland

- (1) The Firearms Act 1968 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 5 (weapons subject to general prohibition), in subsection (1), after paragraph (af) insert—
  - "(ag) any rifle with a chamber from which empty cartridge cases are extracted using—
    - (i) energy from propellant gas, or
    - (ii) energy imparted to a spring or other energy storage device by propellant gas,
    - other than a rifle which is chambered for .22 rim-fire cartridges;".
- (3) In section 5(1), for the "and" at the end of paragraph (b) substitute—
  - "(ba) any device (commonly known as a bump stock) which is designed or adapted so that—
    - (i) it is capable of forming part of or being added to a selfloading lethal barrelled weapon (as defined in section 57(1B) and (2A)), and
    - (ii) if it forms part of or is added to such a weapon, it increases the rate of fire of the weapon by using the recoil from the weapon to generate repeated pressure on the trigger; and".
- (4) In section 5(2), after "including," insert " in the case of weapons, any devices falling within subsection (1)(ba) of this section and, ".
- (5) In section 5(2A)(a), after "weapon" insert ", device ".

- (6) In section 51A(1)(a) (minimum sentences for certain offences under section 5), in each of sub-paragraphs (i) and (iii), after "(af)" insert ", (ag), (ba) ".
- (7) In Schedule 6 (prosecution and punishment of offences) in Part 1 (table of punishments)—
  - (a) in the entry for section 5(1)(a), (ab), (ab), (ac), (ad), (ae), (af) or (c), in the first column, after "(af)" insert ", (ag), (ba)",
  - (b) in the entry for section 19, in the third column, for "or (af)" substitute ", (af), (ag) or (ba)", and
  - (c) in the entry for section 20(1), in the third column, for "or (af)" substitute ", (af), (ag) or (ba) ".
- (8) The amendments made by subsection (6) apply only in relation to—
  - (a) an offence under section 5(1)(ag) or (ba) of the Firearms Act 1968 which is committed after the coming into force of subsection (6), and
  - (b) an offence under a provision listed in section 51A(1A) of that Act in respect of a firearm specified in section 5(1)(ag) or (ba) of that Act which is committed after the coming into force of subsection (6).

#### **Commencement Information**

II S. 54(1)(5)(7)(a) in force at Royal Assent, s. 54(2)-(4) in force for specified purposes at Royal Assent, see. s. 70(5)(c)(d)-(f)

#### **Status:**

Point in time view as at 16/05/2019. This version of this provision has been superseded.

#### Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Offensive Weapons Act 2019, Section 54.