
Chapter 1. AN ACT RELATIVE TO ANTIQUE AND REPLICA WEAPONS.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is forthwith to further regulate the sale and storage of antique and replica weapons, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 121 of chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 8 of chapter 180 of the acts of 1998, is hereby amended striking out the third paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

The provisions of sections 122 to 129D, inclusive, and sections 131, 131A, 131B and 131E shall not apply to:

(A) any firearm, rifle or shotgun manufactured in or prior to the year 1899;

(B) any replica of any firearm, rifle or shotgun described in clause (A) if such replica: (i) is not designed or redesigned for using rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition; or (ii) uses rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition which is no longer manufactured in the United States and which is not readily available in the ordinary channels of commercial trade; and

(C) manufacturers or wholesalers of firearms, rifles, shotguns or machine guns.

SECTION 2. Section 129C of said chapter 140 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "by", in line 91, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, the following words:- residents or.

SECTION 3. The third paragraph of section 131K of said chapter 140, as appearing in section 47 of chapter 180 of the acts of 1998, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:- This section shall not apply to any firearm manufacture prior to the year 1899, or to any replica of such a firearm if such replica is not designed or redesigned for using rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition.

SECTION 4. Section 131L of said chapter 140, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

(f) This section shall not apply to the storage or keeping of any firearm, rifle or shotgun with matchlock, flintlock, percussion cap or similar type of ignition system manufactured in or prior to the year 1899, or to any replica of any such firearm, rifle or shotgun if such replica is not designed or redesigned for using rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition.

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