

## Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

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(a) (1) In this section, the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Rifle" means a weapon designed or redesigned, made or remade, and intended to be fired from the shoulder and designed or redesigned and made or remade to use the energy of the explosive in a fixed metallic cartridge to fire only a single projectile through a rifled bore for each single pull of the trigger.

(3) "Short-barreled shotgun" means a shotgun having one or more barrels less than 18 inches in length and any weapon made from a shotgun (whether by alteration, modification, or otherwise) if such weapon as modified has an overall length of less than 26 inches.

(4) "Short-barreled rifle" means a rifle having one or more barrels less than 16 inches in length and any weapon made from a rifle (whether by alteration, modification, or otherwise) if such weapon, as modified, has an overall length of less than 26 inches.

(5) "Shotgun" means a weapon designed or redesigned, made or remade, and intended to be fired from the shoulder and designed or redesigned and made or remade to use the energy of the explosive in a fixed shotgun shell to fire through a smooth bore either a number of ball shot or a single projectile for each single pull of the trigger.

(6) The terms short-barreled shotgun and short-barreled rifle do not include:

(i) Antique firearms as defined in § 36F (a) (1) of this article;

(ii) Any device which is neither designed nor redesigned for use as a weapon, which is redesigned for use as a signaling, pyrotechnic, line throwing, safety, or similar device; or

(iii) Any firearm which is incapable of discharging a shot by means of an explosive and incapable of being readily restored to a firing condition.

(b) -A- EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C), A person may not possess a short-barreled rifle or short-barreled shotgun [unless the person has registered it with United States government in accordance with the United States statutes].