

dangerous weapons in the District of Columbia, to provide penalties, to prescribe rules of evidence, and for other purposes", approved July 8, 1932 (47 Stat. 651), as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. When used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

"(a) 'Pistol' means any firearm, by whatever name known, with a barrel less than twelve inches in length, which will, or is designed to, or which may be readily converted to, expel a projectile or projectiles by the action of an explosive.

"(b) 'Sawed-off shotgun' means any shotgun or any rifle with a barrel less than twenty inches in length.

"(c) 'Machine gun' means any firearm which shoots automatically or semi-automatically more than twelve shots without reloading.

"(d) 'Rifle' means a weapon, other than a sawed-off shotgun, 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.

"(e) 'Shotgun' means a weapon, other than a sawed-off shotgun, 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.

"(f) 'Switch-blade knife' means a knife which has a blade which opens automatically by hand pressure applied to a button, spring, or other device in the handle of the knife.

"(g) 'Gravity knife' means a knife which has a blade which is released from the handle or sheath thereof by the force of gravity or the application of centrifugal force and which, when released, is locked in place by means of a button, spring, lever, or other device.

"(h) 'Sell' and 'purchase' and the various derivatives of such words shall be construed to include letting on hire, giving, lending, borrowing, and otherwise transferring.

"(i) 'Crime of violence' means any of the following crimes, or an attempt to commit any of the same, namely: Murder, manslaughter, rape, mayhem, maliciously disfiguring another, abduction, kidnaping, burglary, housebreaking, larceny, any assault with intent to kill, commit rape, or robbery, assault with a dangerous weapon, or assault with intent to commit offense punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary.

"(j) 'Commissioners' means the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia, or their designated agent.

"(k) 'District' means the District of Columbia."

SEC. 2. Sections 3 through 14 of such Act approved July 8, 1932 (secs. 22-3203 through 22-3214, D.C. Code, 1961 ed.), are amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. (a) No person shall own or keep a pistol, or have a pistol in his possession or under his control, within the District, if—

"(1) he is under the age of eighteen years;

"(2) he is a drug addict;

"(3) he has been convicted in the District or elsewhere of a felony;

"(4) he has been convicted of violating section 1 of the Act entitled 'An Act for the suppression of prostitution in the District of Columbia' approved August 15, 1935 (49 Stat. 651), as amended, section 1 of the Act entitled 'An Act to confer concurrent jurisdiction on the police court of the District of Columbia in certain cases' approved July 16, 1912 (37 Stat. 192), or sections 1 and 3 of the Act entitled 'An Act to define and punish vagrancy in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes' approved December 17, 1941 (55 Stat. 808), as amended; or

"(5) he is not licensed under section 10 of this Act and he has been convicted of violating any section of this Act.

"(b) No person shall keep a pistol for, or intentionally make a pistol available to, any person referred to in subsection (a) of this section, knowing or having reason to believe that he is under the age of eighteen years or that he is a drug addict or that he has been so convicted. Whoever violates this section shall be punished as provided in section 15 of this Act, unless the violation occurs after he has been convicted of a violation of this section, in which case he shall be imprisoned for not more than ten years.

"SEC. 4. (a) No person shall within the District—