

I assent.

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**MARIE-LOUISE
COLEIRO PRECA
President**

6th May, 2016

ACT No. XXII of 2016

AN ACT to amend the Arms Act, Cap. 480.

BE IT ENACTED by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:-

1. (1) The short title of this Act is the Arms (Amendment) Act, 2016, and this Act shall be read and construed as one with the Arms Act, hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act".

Short title and
commencement.
Cap. 480.

(2) This Act shall come into force on such a date as the Minister responsible for the Police may by notice in the Gazette establish, and different dates may be so established for different provisions or different purposes of this Act.

2. Article 34 of the principal Act shall be amended as follows:

Amendment of
article 34 of the
principal Act.

(a) in the proviso thereto, for the words "and the provisions of article 26 shall *mutatis mutandis* apply." there shall be substituted the words "and the provisions of article 26 shall *mutatis mutandis* apply."; and

(b) immediately after the current proviso thereof, there shall be added the following new proviso:

"Provided further that the Commissioner may

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authorise a non-resident who is under the age of sixteen years but not under the age of fourteen years to practise target shooting with airguns only or by a firearm of a different kind referred to in paragraph (c) as may be prescribed by regulations under this Act. Such shooting on a licensed range is subject to such terms and conditions as the Commissioner may deem fit and the provisions of article 26 shall *mutatis mutandis* apply."

Passed by the House of Representatives at Sitting No. 384 of the 3rd May, 2016.

ANĠLU FARRUGIA
Speaker

RAYMOND SCICLUNA
Clerk of the House of Representatives