

Ordonnance relative aux Armes à Air Comprimé.

(Le 25 mars 1939)

VU les représentations faites par le Comité des États pour la Police Salariée de l'Île qu'il est expédient, dans le but d'éviter des accidents aux enfants et jeunes personnes, de réglementer l'usage des armes à air comprimé:

LA COUR, ouïes les conclusions des Officiers du Roi. par voie des règlements suivants, a ordonné et ordonne:

Selling, etc.
to persons
under 16

1.—It shall be an offence for any person to sell, give, lend or otherwise put in the possession or under the control of any person apparently under the age of sixteen years any air gun, air rifle or air pistol or any missile designed to be fired by means of an air gun, air rifle or air pistol.

Offence by
guardian
of person
under 16

2.—It shall be an offence for any person of the age of sixteen years or over having the legal or actual custody or control of any other person under the age of sixteen years knowingly to permit that other person to be in possession or control of or to use any air gun, air rifle or air pistol or any such missile as aforesaid.

Offence by
person
under 16

3.—It shall be an offence for any person under the age of sixteen years to obtain or attempt to obtain possession or control or to be in possession or control of or to use any air gun, air rifle or air pistol or any such missile as aforesaid.

False
information
concerning
age

4.—It shall be an offence for any person, for the purpose of obtaining or attempting to obtain possession or control of any air gun, air rifle, or air pistol or of any such missile as aforesaid in breach of the provisions of this Ordinance, or of assisting any other person to obtain possession or control of any of the same in breach thereof, to give false information concerning his age or the age of that other person.

Penalties

5.—If any person shall commit a breach of any of the provisions of this Ordinance, he shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable upon conviction, if he be a person under the age of sixteen years, to a fine not exceeding One Pound and, if he be a person of the age of sixteen years or over, he shall be liable upon first conviction to a fine not exceeding Two Pounds and upon a second or subsequent conviction to a fine not exceeding Ten Pounds.

Exceptions

Provided that nothing in this Ordinance shall be deemed to restrict or prohibit:—

- (a) the sale, gift or loan of an air rifle or any missile designed to be fired by means thereof, to a person over the age of twelve years who, at the time of such sale, gift or loan is a member of a properly constituted Air Rifle Club: or
- (b) any person from permitting any other person over the age of twelve years and who is a member of any such Club, to be in possession or control of an air rifle or of any missile designed to be fired by means thereof: or
- (c) the possession or control by any person over the age of twelve years who is a member of any such Club, of an air rifle or of any missile designed to be fired by means thereof: or
- (d) the carrying in a public thoroughfare or other place by any person over the age of twelve years who is a member of any such Club, of an air rifle or of any missile designed to be fired by means thereof, between the place where the same is usually kept and the premises of any duly constituted Air-Rifle Club: or
- (e) the use of an air rifle by a person over the age of twelve years in that part of any building or other erection specially set aside as a shooting range by the occupier thereof, if such use takes place—
 - (i) under the control and in the presence of a person of not less than eighteen years of age: and
 - (ii) under such conditions as will effectively safeguard from injury all persons within the range of any such air rifle.

6.—(a) If a Police Officer has reason to believe or suspect that a breach of this Ordinance has been committed, he may take possession of any air gun, air rifle, air pistol or missile in respect of which he has reason to believe that the breach occurred and, for the purpose of so doing, such Police Officer may enter upon private premises, not being a dwelling-place, at any time between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 p.m.

Powers of
Police

(b) Upon the conviction of any person under this Ordinance, the Court may direct that the air gun, air rifle, air pistol or any missile to which the charge relates shall be confiscated and thereupon the same may be destroyed or otherwise disposed of by the Police Inspector and the proceeds of any such disposal shall belong to the States.