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It is hereby notified that the State President has assented to the following Act which is hereby published for general information:—

Hierby word bekend gemaak dat die Staatspresident sy goedkeuring gegee het aan die onderstaande Wet wat hierby ter algemene inligting gepubliseer word:—

156 of 1993: Dangerous Weapons Amendment Act, 1993.

No. 156 van 1993: Wysigingswet op Gevaarlike Wapens, 1993.

GENERAL EXPLANATORY NOTE:

[Words in bold type in square brackets indicate omissions from existing enactments.

 Words underlined with a solid line indicate insertions in existing enactments.

ACT

To amend the Dangerous Weapons Act, 1968, so as to add a definition; and to increase certain penalties; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

*(Afrikaans text signed by the State President.)
(Assented to 1 October 1993.)*

BE IT ENACTED by the State President and the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa, as follows:—

Amendment of section 1 of Act 71 of 1968, as amended by section 1 of Act 29 of 1990

1. Section 1 of the Dangerous Weapons Act, 1968 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), is hereby amended by the insertion after the definition of “firearm” of the following definition: 5

“ ‘gathering’ includes any assembly, concourse or procession of any number of persons;”.

Amendment of section 2 of Act 71 of 1968, as substituted by section 2 of Act 29 of 1990 10

2. Section 2 of the principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution for subsection (1) of the following subsection:

“(1) Any person who is in possession of any dangerous weapon, or of any object which so resembles a firearm that, under circumstances such as those under which such person is in possession thereof, it is likely to be mistaken for a real firearm, shall be guilty of an offence, unless he is able to prove that he at no time had any intention of using such weapon or object for any unlawful purpose, and shall on conviction be liable to a fine **[not exceeding R4 000]** or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding **[twelve months or to both such fine and such imprisonment]** two years.”. 15 20

Amendment of section 3 of Act 71 of 1968, as amended by section 3 of Act 29 of 1990

3. Section 3 of the principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution for subsection (3) of the following subsection:

“(3) Any person who manufactures, sells or supplies any object in contravention of the provisions of any notice issued in terms of subsection (1), shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine **[not exceeding** 25

R6 000] or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding **[eighteen months or to both such fine and such imprisonment]** three years.”.

Short title and commencement

4. This Act shall be called the Dangerous Weapons Amendment Act, 1993, and shall come into operation on a date fixed by the State President by proclamation 5 in the *Gazette*.