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I Assent,

Rodney Williams,
Governor-General.

19th June, 2015.

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
FIREARMS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2015

No. 8 of 2015

ANACT to amend the Firearm Act, Cap 171

ENACTED by the Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda as follows—

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Firearms (Amendment) Act, 2015.

2. Amendment of section 15A-Firearms licensing committee

(1) Subsection (1) of section 15A of the Firearms Act Cap. 171, as amended, is repealed and substituted by the following—

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- (b) two other persons of recognised standing and experience in the field of defence and national security to be appointed by the Minister.”



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