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<i>Received Royal Assent:</i>	<i>30 May 1963</i>
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**AN ACT** to amend the law in relation to the making and disposing and importation of flick knives and other dangerous weapons.

### **1 Penalties for offences in connection with dangerous weapons**

- (1) Any person who manufactures, sells or hires or offers for sale or hire, or exposes or has in his possession for the purpose of sale or hire, or imports for either such purpose, or lends or gives to any other person —
- (a) any knife which has a blade which opens automatically by hand pressure applied to a button, spring or other device in or attached to the handle of the knife, sometimes known as a “flick knife” or “flick gun”; or
  - (b) any 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, sometimes known as a “gravity knife”,

shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction in the case of a first offence to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale, or to both such imprisonment and fine, and, in addition to any of the foregoing penalties, shall forfeit any such knife in respect of which he has been convicted of an offence under this subsection or which is found in his possession.<sup>1</sup>

- (2) Where proceedings are brought against any person for an offence under subsection (1) of this section the court shall make an order —
- (a) if that person is convicted of the offence, for the forfeiture of any knife which is forfeitable by virtue of the conviction, and for the destruction thereof;

- (b) if that person is not convicted of the offence, for the return to that person of any knife which would have been forfeited had such person been convicted and which may have been seized for the purposes of, or in connection with, his prosecution under this section.

## **2 Short title and commencement**

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Restriction of Offensive Weapons Act, 1963.
- (2) This Act shall come into operation when the Royal Assent thereto has been by the Governor announced to Tynwald and a certificate thereof has been signed by the Governor and the Speaker of the House of Keys, but shall not take effect until the expiration of the period of one month beginning with the day on which it is so announced.<sup>2</sup>

## ENDNOTES

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<sup>1</sup> Subs (1) amended by Fines Act 1986 Sch 2 and by Fines and Penalties Act 2024 Sch 3.

<sup>2</sup> Effective 18 July 1963.