

(3) "Short-barreled shotgun" means a shotgun having one or more barrels less than 18 inches in length and any weapon made from a shotgun (whether by alteration, modification, or otherwise) if such weapon as modified has an overall length of less than 26 inches.

(4) "Short-barreled rifle" means a rifle having one or more barrels less than 16 inches in length and any weapon made from a rifle (whether by alteration, modification, or otherwise) if such weapon, as modified, has an overall length of less than 26 inches.

(5) "Shotgun" means a weapon designed or redesigned, made or remade, and intended to be fired from the shoulder and designed or redesigned and made or remade to use the energy of the explosive in a fixed shotgun shell to fire through a smooth bore either a number of ball shot or a single projectile for each single pull of the trigger.

(6) The terms short-barreled shotgun and short-barreled rifle do not include:

(i) Antique firearms as defined in § 36F (a)(1) of this article;

(ii) Any device which is neither designed nor redesigned for use as a weapon, which is redesigned for use as a signaling, pyrotechnic, line throwing, safety, or similar device; or

(iii) Any firearm which is incapable of discharging a shot by means of an explosive and incapable of being readily restored to a firing condition.

(b) [A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C), A person may not possess a short-barreled rifle or short-barreled shotgun [unless the person has registered it with the United States government in accordance with the United States statutes].

(C) (1) THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS, WHILE ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

(I) LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL OF THE UNITED STATES OR OF THIS STATE, OR OF ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE;

(II) A MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES OR THE NATIONAL GUARD WHILE ON DUTY OR TRAVELLING TO OR FROM DUTY;

(III) LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL OF ANOTHER STATE OR OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF ANOTHER STATE, WHILE TEMPORARILY IN THIS STATE;