

# FEDERAL FIREARMS LEGISLATION

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HEARINGS  
BEFORE THE  
SUBCOMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE  
JUVENILE DELINQUENCY  
OF THE  
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY  
UNITED STATES SENATE  
NINETIETH CONGRESS  
SECOND SESSION  
PURSUANT TO  
**S. Res. 240**  
NINETIETH CONGRESS  
ON  
**S. 3691**  
A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE  
**S. 3604**  
A BILL TO REQUIRE THE REGISTRATION OF FIREARMS  
**S. 3634**  
A BILL TO DISARM LAWLESS PERSONS  
**S. 3637**  
A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A  
NATIONAL FIREARMS REGISTRY

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matically repealed. § 22 of the Law was repealed by the Law on the Control of Weapons Designed for Warfare of April 20, 1961 (*Bundesgesetzblatt* I, p. 444).]

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Washington, D.C., July 16, 1968.

Hon. THOMAS J. DODD,  
Chairman, Special Subcommittee To Investigate Juvenile Delinquency,  
U.S. Senate,  
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR DODD: Reference is made to our letter of July 12, 1968, with which we forwarded to you a translation of the German Law on Weapons of March 18, 1938. Today we are transmitting the translation of the Decree implementing this Law of March 19, 1938 as well as a translation of the provisions of the Hunting Law of March 30, 1961, in which you were interested.

The translations were respectively prepared by Dr. William S6lyom-Fekete and Dr. Ludovit G. Ruhmann, European Law Division.

We are returning the Xerox copies of the original German text which you supplied.

Sincerely yours,

LEWIS C. COFFIN,  
Law Librarian.

Enclosures.

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[Translation From German]

DECREE TO IMPLEMENT THE LAW ON WEAPONS OF MARCH 19, 1938

By virtue of § 31 of the Law on Weapons of March 18, 1938 (*Reichsgesetzblatt*, I, p. 265), the following shall be ordered:

CHAPTER I.—GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 1

(1) In Prussia and Bavaria the president of the Government (in Berlin the chief of police) shall be the higher administrative authority in the meaning of the present Decree, in Saxony, the prefect of the district, in the Saarland, the Commissioner of the Saarland, and otherwise the highest authority of the land.

(2) In communities with a state police administration the state police authorities shall be the district police authorities in the meaning of the present Decree; elsewhere:

in city district . . . . the mayor,  
in rural districts . . . . in Prussia the *Landrat*, in other laender  
the corresponding authority.

§ 2

(1) A complaint against measures which were taken by the administrative authorities pursuant to the Law on Weapons, or the present Decree may be made to the supervising administrative agency within two weeks. The decision of the latter shall be final.

(2) A protest against measures which were taken by the chief of police in Berlin [acting] as local or district police authority may be made instead of a complaint. The decision on the protest shall be reserved for the chief of police himself, his general deputy, or one of the department chiefs of the police in Berlin.