

No. 18 -2010

I assent,

[L.S.]

(sgd) P.L. Allen
Governor-General

July 22, 2010

AN ACT to Amend the Offences Against the Person Act.

[*July 23, 2010*]

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Representatives of Jamaica, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Offences Against the Person (Amendment) Act, 2010, and shall be read and construed as one with the Offences Against the Person Act (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act) and all amendments thereto.

Short title and construction

2. Section 20 of the principal Act is amended by—

Amendment of section 20 of principal Act

- (a) deleting the word "Whosoever" and substituting therefor the words "Subject to subsection (2), whosoever";
- (b) renumbering the section as subsection (1) of section 20; and

- (c) inserting next after subsection (1), as renumbered, the following as subsections (2) and (3)—

“ (2) A person who is convicted before a Circuit Court of—

(a) shooting with intent to do grievous bodily harm or with intent to resist or prevent the lawful apprehension or detainer of any person; or

(b) wounding with intent, with use of a firearm, shall be liable to imprisonment for life, or such other term, not being less than fifteen years, as the Court considers appropriate.

(3) In this section, “firearm” has the meaning assigned to it by section 2 of the Firearms Act.”

Passed in the House of Representatives this 22nd day of June, 2010.

DELROY H. CHUCK
Speaker.

Passed in the Senate this 9th day of July, 2010.

OSWALD G. HARDING, OJ, CD, QC
President.

This printed impression has been carefully compared by me with the authenticated impression of the foregoing Act, and has been found by me to be a true and correct printed copy of the said Act.

Clerk to the Houses of Parliament.