

Weapons Prohibition Amendment (Exemptions) Regulation 2016

under the

Weapons Prohibition Act 1998

His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has made the following Regulation under the *Weapons Prohibition Act 1998*.

TROY GRANT, MP Minister for Justice and Police

Explanatory note

The object of this Regulation is to exempt sheriff's officers from the requirement to obtain a permit to possess or use body armour vests, but only when acting in the course of employment as a sheriff's officer. This Regulation is made under the *Weapons Prohibition Act 1998*, including sections 6 (4) and 50 (the general regulation-making power).

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1 Name of Regulation

This Regulation is the Weapons Prohibition Amendment (Exemptions) Regulation 2016.

2 Commencement

This Regulation commences on the day on which it is published on the NSW legislation website.

3 Amendment of Weapons Prohibition Regulation 2009

Schedule 1 Persons exempt from requirement for permit

Insert after clause 11:

12 Possession and use of body armour vests

- (1) A sheriff's officer, within the meaning of the *Sheriff Act 2005*, is exempt from the requirement under the Act for a permit to possess or use a prohibited weapon referred to in clause 4 (1) of Schedule 1 to the Act, but only when acting in the course of employment as a sheriff's officer.
- (2) It is a condition of the exemption referred to in this clause that the person to whom the exemption relates must store or keep the prohibited weapon concerned in a safe and secure manner when it is not being used.
- (3) Failure to comply with the condition under subclause (2) is an offence. Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.