



DECRIMINALIZATION OF FIREARMS OFFENCES DOCUMENTATION
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LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT LEGISLATIVE OPTIONS TO DECRIMINALIZE UNAUTHORIZED POSSESSION OF A FIREARM – January 25, 2007 <https://dennisryoung.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Library-Paper-Decriminalization-of-Simple-Possession-of-a-Firearm-.pdf>

MINISTER’S USER GROUP ON FIREARMS RECOMMENDATION ON DECRIMINALIZATION - JANUARY 31, 2004 <https://dennisryoung.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Ministers-User-Group-on-Firearms-Decriminalization-Recommendation-Jan-31-2003.pdf>

EXCERPT: Legislative Amendments: *Decriminalize all firearms activities where no criminal intent or activity occurs, such as the possession of unregistered firearms by a licenced person. This will do more to gain credibility and remove the belief of “questionable activity” than anything else can do at this time. This removes law abiding firearms owners from the category of true criminal activity, allowing law enforcement to concentrate on true criminals.*

NATIONAL POST - FORMER SOLICITOR-GENERAL - TAKING GUN REGISTRY OUT OF CRIMINAL CODE - FEB 10, 2004 <https://dennisryoung.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/National-Post-Former-solicitor-general-Taking-gun-registry-out-of-criminal-code-Feb-10-2004.pdf>

EXCERPT: *Mr. Easter advised Mr. Martin the government should "amend the Criminal Code to remove the offence for simple possession of an unregistered firearm, and place it in the Firearms Act [and] federal prosecutors will have primary responsibility to act and exercise their discretion in these cases." Mr. Easter said in an interview yesterday that decriminalizing registration would be a more lenient way to treat gun owners who have not followed the law or who have refused to register to make a political point. "I do think it would make sense to just keep the changes simple, just decriminalize the front end, and legitimate gun owners, a grandmother who happens to have not registered or somebody who's really offended with the system and hasn't registered, they would get a fine and not a criminal record," Mr. Easter said.*

NATIONAL POST COLUMN ETAL - “DECRIMINALIZE OFFENCES” REGARDING UNREGISTERED FIREARMS FEB 24, 2004 <https://dennisryoung.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/National-Post-et-al-“Decriminalize-offences”-regarding-unregistered-firearms-Feb-24-2004.pdf>

"POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS – FIREARMS PROGRAM"

Memorandum to the Minister, Bilateral Meeting, November 3, 2003 by William V. Baker, Commissioner of Firearms

<http://www.cssa-cila.org/garryb/publications/Article272.htm>

With respect to the Firearms Commissioner's “decriminalization” proposal:

(1) The Canadian Police Association recommendation went much further. In a letter dated March 27, 2001 and sent to all MPs by Grant Obst, President of the Canadian Police Association wrote: *“Consequences of simple non-compliance with the administrative requirements of the program, such as failing to notify CFC of change of address, should be treated in a remedial regulatory manner and not normally subject to criminal sanctions and/or licence revocation.”*



(2) The recommendation from the Minister's User Group on Firearms went much further: On January 31, 2003, the User Group recommendation to the Minister of Justice stated: *"Decriminalize all firearms activities where no criminal intent or activity occurs."*

TORONTO SUN - MARTIN MAY TINKER WITH HATED GUN REGISTRY MAR 4, 2004

<https://dennisyoung.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Toronto-Sun-Martin-May-Tinker-with-Hated-Gun-Registry-2004.03.04.pdf>

EXCERPT: *Conservative MP Garry Breitkreuz told me yesterday Martin's point woman on the registry, Toronto-area Grit Albina Guarnieri, has "hinted" to him she will recommend decriminalization as part of her just-finished review. That is, those who possess unregistered rifles and shotguns would get the same courtesy as all those pot smokers the Liberals are so concerned about - they would no longer be burdened with a criminal record. Instead, they'd face fines under a revamped Firearms Act - which would still make them register their guns.*

MP GARRY BREITKREUZ'S OPTIONS FOR DECRIMINALIZING SIMPLE POSSESSION OF A FIREARM WHERE NO CRIMINAL INTENT OR UNSAFE ACTIVITY OCCURS? 2007

<https://dennisyoung.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Breitkreuzs-Options-for-Decriminalizing-Simple-Possession-of-Firearms-2007.pdf>