

JAMAICA

No. 18 -2010

I assent,

[L.S.]

*(sgd) P.L. Allen*  
Governor-General

*July 23, 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.

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struction.

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

- (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

Amendment  
of section 20  
of principal  
Act.

(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.

DELOY 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.*