

A BILL

*i n t i t u l e d*

An Act to amend the Corrosive and Explosive Substances and Offensive Weapons Act 1958.

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**ENACTED** by the Parliament of Malaysia as follows:

**Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the Corrosive and Explosive Substances and Offensive Weapons (Amendment) Act 2013.

**Amendment of section 6**

2. The Corrosive and Explosive Substances and Offensive Weapons Act 1958 [*Act 357*], which is referred to as the “principal Act” in this Act, is amended in subsection 6(1) by substituting for the words “not exceeding two years” the words “of not less than five years and not more than ten years”.

**Amendment of section 7**

3. The principal Act is amended in subsection 7(1) by substituting for the words “not exceeding two years, or to a fine not exceeding two thousand ringgit or both, and in the case of a second and subsequent offence to imprisonment for a term of not less than one year and not more than three years” the words “of not less than five years and not more than ten years”.

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This Bill seeks to amend the Corrosive and Explosive Substances and Offensive Weapons Act 1958 (“Act 357”).

2. *Clause 1* seeks to provide for the short title of the proposed Act.
3. *Clause 2* seeks to increase the penalty for the offence of carrying offensive weapons in public places from the imprisonment period of not more than two years to the imprisonment period of not less than five years and not more than ten years.
4. *Clause 3* seeks to amend the penalty provision for the offence of carrying, possessing, manufacturing, selling, hiring, lending or giving any scheduled weapon. This offence currently carries the punishment of imprisonment of not less than two years or to a fine not exceeding two thousand ringgit or both while the penalty in the case of a second or subsequent offence will be punished with imprisonment of not less than one year and not more than three years. This provision is proposed to be amended by imposing an imprisonment period of five years and not more than ten years.

*FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS*

This Bill will not involve the Government in any extra financial expenditure.

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