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New York State Revises **S.687** on Definition of Imitation Weapons

In August 2022, Legislation S.687/A.3998 was signed in New York State to strengthen restrictions on imitation weapons, which can be used to commit crimes.

The new law makes imitation weapons easily identifiable, preventing them from being used to commit crimes and allowing law enforcement to identify a device as fake when assessing threats.



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Recently, a [Notice](#) was posted to further clarifications on the definition of imitation guns:

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 871 of the general business law, as added by chapter 475 of the laws of 1988, is amended to read as follows:

2. "Imitation weapon" means any device or object made of plastic, wood, metal or any other material which substantially duplicates or can reasonably be perceived to be an actual firearm, air rifle, pellet gun, or "B-B" gun; unless such imitation weapon:

- a) is coloured *white, bright red, bright orange, bright yellow, bright green, bright blue, bright pink or bright purple on the entire exterior surface or as the predominant colour in combination with other colours in any pattern; or is constructed entirely of transparent or translucent materials which permits unmistakable observation of the imitation or toy firearm's complete contents*
- b) *is constructed entirely of transparent or translucent materials which permits unmistakable observation of the imitation or toy firearm's complete contents*
- c) has a barrel that is closed for a distance of not less than one-half inch from the front-end of its barrel with the same material of which the imitation weapon is made, *unless it is a water gun*
- d) *has legibly stamped thereon, the name of the manufacturer or some trade name, mark or brand by which the manufacturer can be readily identified; and*
- e) *does not have attached thereto a laser pointer, defined for the purpose of this section as any device that emits light amplified by the stimulated emission of radiation that is visible to the human eye.* "Imitation weapon" does not include any nonfiring replica of an antique firearm, the original of which was designed, manufactured and produced prior to eighteen hundred ninety-eight.

This law will become effective on November 14th, 2022 and will become more in line with the Federal law 15 CFR 272.

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