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**An Act** to amend the Larceny Act Cap. 241 to increase the penalty for using a firearm to commit certain offences under the Larceny Act.

**Enacted** by the Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda as follows:

**1. Short Title**

This Act may be cited as the Larceny (Amendment) Act 2017.

**2. Interpretation**

In this Act “principal Act” means the Larceny Act, Cap. 241.

**3. Amendment of section 33A of principal Act**

Section 33A of the principal Act is amended by repealing subsection (1) and substituting the following –

“(1) Every person who, being armed with a firearm commits any of the crimes mentioned under sections 29, 30, 31 or 33 shall be liable on conviction to a term of imprisonment not exceeding thirty-five years.”

Passed the House of Representatives  
this the     day of                     2017.

Passed the Senate  
this     day of                             2017

*Speaker*

*President*

*Clerk to the House of Representatives*

*Clerk to the Senate*

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

The purpose of the amendment to section 33(A)(1) of the Larceny Act Cap 241 is to deter criminals from engaging in illegal activities, such as, robbery, burglary and housebreaking, and specifically when doing so with the use of a firearm.

We recognize the need for this amendment to the law due to the marked increase in criminal activity involving the use of a firearm. The amendment will send a stern message to criminals that such behaviour will not be tolerated. Engaging in such criminal behaviour will lead to an even heavier penalty when convicted of such crimes. As a result, the penalty has increase from a maximum sentence of 25 years imprisonment to 35 years imprisonment.