

ANNEX A

NORTHERN IRELAND FIREARMS AMNESTY

DRAFT

OF A BILL

TO

Would one scheme not do?
Make provision in relation to the [handing over ^{and} ~~or~~ destruction]
[~~decommissioning~~ ^{unlicensed}] of firearms and explosives in Northern Ireland.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:-

for the purpose of facilitating + regulating the handing over of unlicensed + explosives in N.I. as scheme
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Amended
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