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New and Amended Firearms/Weapons Laws

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TO: All California Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Agencies, Centralized List of Firearms Dealers, Manufacturers, and Exempted Federal Firearms Licensees

This bulletin provides a brief summary of new and amended California firearms/weapons laws that take effect January 1, 2015, unless otherwise noted. You can access the full text of the bills at <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>.

SB 363 (Stats. 2013, ch. 758) – Handgun Roster Fees

- The annual fee for a handgun to be listed on the Roster of Handguns Certified for Sale shall be paid on January 1st, or the next business day, of every year regardless of the date the handgun was added to the roster. (Pen. Code, § 32015.)

SB 683 (Stats. 2013, ch. 761) – Firearms Safety Certificate

- Expands existing Handgun Safety Certificate (HSC) laws to apply to all firearms. A Firearm Safety Certificate (FSC) and safe handling demonstration will be required to purchase or receive any firearm as of January 1, 2015. Unexpired HSCs will continue to be accepted for handgun acquisitions only. (Pen. Code, §§ 16535, 26840, 26860, 27540, 27875, 27880, 27920, 27925, 28160, 31610-31660, 31700, 31810.)

AB 1014 (Stats. 2014, ch. 872) – Gun Violence Restraining Orders

- Beginning July 1, 2016, authorizes courts to issue gun violence restraining orders, ex parte gun violence restraining orders, and temporary emergency gun violence restraining orders if the subject of the petition poses a significant danger of personal injury to himself, herself, or another by having in his or her custody or control, owning, purchasing, possessing, or receiving a firearm and that the order is necessary to prevent personal injury to himself, herself, or another, as specified. (Pen. Code, §§ 18100 - 18205.)
- Beginning July 1, 2016, makes it a misdemeanor to own or possess a firearm or ammunition with the knowledge that he or she is prohibited from doing so by a gun violence restraining order. (Pen. Code, § 18205.)
- Beginning July 1, 2016, makes it a misdemeanor to file a petition for a gun violence restraining order with the intent to harass or knowing the information in the petition to be false. (Pen. Code, § 18200.)

AB 1609 (Stats. 2014, ch. 878) – Firearms

- With specified exceptions, makes it unlawful for a California resident to import, transport, or otherwise bring into this state, any firearm that he or she purchased or obtained from outside of this state unless he or she first has that firearm delivered to a dealer in this state for subsequent delivery to the resident. (Pen. Code, §§ 27585, 27590.)

AB 1964 (Stats. 2014, ch. 147) – Single-Shot Pistols

- Makes the provisions defining and governing unsafe handguns inapplicable to a single-shot pistol with a break top or bolt action. This exception does not apply to a semiautomatic pistol that has been temporarily or permanently altered so that it will not fire in a semiautomatic mode. (Pen. Code, § 32100.)

AB 2220 (Stats. 2014, ch. 339) – Private Patrol Operators

- Beginning July 1, 2016, establishes procedures allowing a Private Patrol Operator (PPO) business entity to be the registered owner of a firearm. (Pen. Code, §§ 16970, 28010-28024.)
- Beginning July 1, 2016, allows a security guard to be assigned a firearm by the PPO and for a firearm custodian to be designated by the PPO. (Pen. Code, §§ 16970, 28010-28024.)

AB 2310 (Stats. 2014, ch. 339) – Unlawful Detainer, Nuisance Firearms

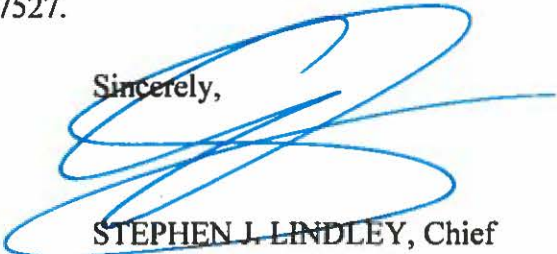
- Until January 1, 2019, reenacts provisions authorizing a city prosecutor or city attorney in specified counties to file an action for unlawful detainer to abate a nuisance caused by illegal conduct involving unlawful weapons or ammunition on real property. (Civ. Code, § 3485.)

SB 199 (Stats. 2014, ch. 915) – BB Devices and Imitation Firearms

- Beginning January 1, 2016, amends the definitions of a “BB device” and an “imitation firearm.” (Pen. Code, §§ 16250, 16700.)

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