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SENATE BILL

No. 449

Introduced by Senator Padilla
(Coauthor: Senator Hancock)
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Torres)

February 26, 2009

An act to amend Sections 21628 and 21628.1 of, *and to add Section 21628.2 to*, the Business and Professions Code, and to amend Section 12071 of the Penal Code, relating to firearms.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 449, as amended, Padilla. Firearms: transaction reports.

Existing law requires every secondhand dealer or coin dealer, as described, to report daily, or on the first working day after receipt or purchase of the property, on forms either approved or provided at actual cost by the Department of Justice, all tangible personal property which he or she has purchased, taken in trade, taken in pawn, accepted for sale on consignment, or accepted for auctioning, to the chief of police or to the sheriff, as specified. *Other existing provisions of law make a violation of these provisions a criminal offense.*

This bill would except firearms from those provisions. The bill would make other conforming changes. *The bill would establish separate reporting procedures for secondhand dealers in connection with firearms.*

By establishing reporting requirements, the violation of which would be an offense under other provisions of existing law, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Existing law generally regulates firearms dealers and firearms transactions. Existing law requires that on the date of receipt, the dealer

shall report to the Department of Justice in a format prescribed by the department the acquisition by the dealer of the ownership of a handgun. These provisions also provide exceptions, including the case when the firearms dealer is also licensed as a secondhand dealer.

This bill would delete the exception to the reporting requirement pertaining to a firearms dealer who is also licensed as a secondhand dealer.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: ~~no~~-yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 21628 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 21628. Every secondhand dealer or coin dealer described in
- 4 Section 21626 shall report daily, or on the first working day after
- 5 receipt or purchase of the property, on forms either approved or
- 6 provided at actual cost by the Department of Justice, all tangible
- 7 personal property, except firearms, which he or she has purchased,
- 8 taken in trade, taken in pawn, accepted for sale on consignment,
- 9 or accepted for auctioning, to the chief of police or to the sheriff,
- 10 in accordance with the provisions of Sections 21630 and 21633
- 11 and subdivision (j) of this section. The report shall be legible,
- 12 prepared in English, completed where applicable, and include, but
- 13 not be limited to, the following information:
- 14 (a) The name and current address of the intended seller or
- 15 pledger of the property.
- 16 (b) The identification of the intended seller or pledger. The
- 17 identification of the seller or pledger of the property shall be
- 18 verified by the person taking the information. The verification
- 19 shall be valid if the person taking the information reasonably relies
- 20 on any one of the following documents, provided that the document
- 21 is currently valid or has been issued within five years and contains

1 a photograph or description, or both, of the person named on it, is
2 signed by the person, and bears a serial or other identifying number:

- 3 (1) A passport of the United States.
- 4 (2) A driver's license issued by any state, or Canada.
- 5 (3) An identification card issued by any state.
- 6 (4) An identification card issued by the United States.
- 7 (5) A passport from any other country in addition to another
8 item of identification bearing an address.

9 (c) A complete and reasonably accurate description of serialized
10 property, including, but not limited to, the following: serial number
11 and other identifying marks or symbols, owner-applied numbers,
12 manufacturer's named brand, and model name or number. Watches
13 need not be disassembled when special skill or special tools are
14 required to obtain the required information, unless specifically
15 requested to do so by a peace officer. A special tool does not
16 include a penknife, caseknife, or similar instrument and
17 disassembling a watch with a penknife, caseknife, or similar
18 instrument does not constitute a special skill. In all instances where
19 the required information may be obtained by removal of a
20 watchband, then the watchband shall be removed. The cost
21 associated with opening the watch shall be borne by the
22 pawnbroker, secondhand dealer, or customer.

23 (d) A complete and reasonably accurate description of
24 nonserialized property, including, but not limited to, the following:
25 size, color, material, manufacturer's pattern name (when known),
26 owner-applied numbers and personalized inscriptions and other
27 identifying marks or symbols. Watches need not be disassembled
28 when special skill or special tools are required to obtain the
29 required information, unless specifically requested to do so by a
30 peace officer. A special tool does not include a penknife, caseknife,
31 or similar instrument and disassembling a watch with a penknife,
32 caseknife, or similar instrument does not constitute a special skill.
33 In all instances where the required information may be obtained
34 by removal of a watchband, then the watchband shall be removed.
35 The cost associated with opening the watch shall be borne by the
36 pawnbroker, secondhand dealer, or customer.

37 (e) A certification by the intended seller or pledger that he or
38 she is the owner of the property or has the authority of the owner
39 to sell or pledge the property.

1 (f) A certification by the intended seller or pledger that to his
2 or her knowledge and belief the information is true and complete.

3 (g) A legible fingerprint taken from the intended seller or
4 pledger, as prescribed by the Department of Justice. This
5 requirement does not apply to a coin dealer, unless required
6 pursuant to local regulation.

7 (h) When a secondhand dealer complies with all of the
8 provisions of this section, he or she shall be deemed to have
9 received from the seller or pledger adequate evidence of authority
10 to sell or pledge the property for all purposes included in this
11 article, and Division 8 (commencing with Section 21000) of the
12 Financial Code.

13 In enacting this subdivision, it is the intent of the Legislature
14 that its provisions shall not adversely affect the implementation
15 of, or prosecution under, any provision of the Penal Code.

16 (i) Any person who conducts business as a secondhand dealer
17 at any gun show or event, as defined in Section 478.100 of Title
18 27 of the Code of Federal Regulations, or its successor, outside
19 the jurisdiction that issued the secondhand dealer license in
20 accordance with subdivision (d) of Section 21641, may be required
21 to submit a duplicate of the transaction report prepared pursuant
22 to this section to the local law enforcement agency where the gun
23 show or event is conducted.

24 (j) (1) The Department of Justice shall, in consultation with
25 appropriate local law enforcement agencies, develop clear and
26 comprehensive descriptive categories denoting tangible personal
27 property subject to the reporting requirements of this section. These
28 categories shall be incorporated by secondhand dealers and coin
29 dealers described in Section 21626 for purposes of the reporting
30 requirements set forth herein. Any required report shall be
31 transmitted by electronic means. The Department of Justice and
32 local law enforcement agencies, in consultation with representatives
33 from the secondhand dealer and coin dealer businesses, shall
34 develop a standard format to be used statewide to transmit this
35 report electronically.

36 (2) Twelve months after the format and the categories described
37 in paragraph (1) have been developed, each secondhand dealer
38 and coin dealer shall electronically report using this format the
39 information required by this section under these reporting
40 categories. Until that time, each secondhand dealer and coin dealer

1 may either continue to report this information using existing forms
2 and procedures or may begin electronically reporting this
3 information under the reporting categories and using the format
4 described in paragraph (1) as soon as each has been developed.

5 (3) A coin dealer who engages in less than 10 transactions each
6 week in which he or she has purchased, taken in trade, taken in
7 pawn, accepted for sale or consignment, or accepted for auctioning
8 tangible personal property, shall report the information required
9 by this section under the reporting categories described in
10 paragraph (1) on a form developed by the Attorney General that
11 the coin dealer shall transmit each day by facsimile transmission
12 or by mail to the chief of police or sheriff. A transaction shall
13 consist of not more than one item. Nothing in this section shall
14 prohibit up to 10 transactions with the same customer per week,
15 provided that the cumulative total per week for all customers does
16 not exceed 10 transactions. Until that form is developed, these
17 coin dealers shall continue to report information required by this
18 section using existing forms and procedures. If these transactions
19 increase to 10 per week, the coin dealer shall electronically report
20 using the format described in paragraph (1) the information
21 required by this section beginning six months after his or her
22 transactions exceed 10 per week or 12 months after the format
23 described in paragraph (1) has been developed, whichever occurs
24 later.

25 (4) For purposes of this subdivision, “item” shall mean any
26 single physical article. However, with respect to a commonly
27 accepted grouping of articles that are purchased as a set, including,
28 but not limited to, a pair of earrings or place settings of china,
29 silverware, or other tableware, “item” shall mean that commonly
30 accepted grouping.

31 (5) Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed as excepting
32 a secondhand dealer from the fingerprinting requirement of
33 subdivision (g).

34 (k) Nothing in this section shall be construed to exempt a person
35 licensed as a firearms dealer pursuant to Article 4 (commencing
36 with Section 12071) of Chapter 1 of Title 2 of Part 4 of the Penal
37 Code from the reporting requirements for firearms transactions
38 under Section 12071 of the Penal Code.

39 SEC. 2. Section 21628.1 of the Business and Professions Code
40 is amended to read:

1 21628.1. Notwithstanding Section 21628, submission of
2 transaction reports are not required to be submitted to the local
3 law enforcement agency if the report of an acquisition of the same
4 property from the same customer has been submitted within the
5 preceding 12 months, except when submission of the reports is
6 specifically requested in writing by the local licensing authority.

7 *SEC. 3. Section 21628.2 is added to the Business and*
8 *Professions Code, to read:*

9 *21628.2. Every secondhand dealer described in Section 21626*
10 *shall report to the Department of Justice daily, or on the first*
11 *working day after receipt, all firearms purchased, taken in trade,*
12 *taken in pawn, accepted for sale on consignment, or accepted for*
13 *auctioning. The report shall be submitted in a format prescribed*
14 *by the Department of Justice. The Department of Justice may retain*
15 *secondhand dealer reports to determine whether a firearm taken*
16 *in by a secondhand dealer has been reported lost or stolen. The*
17 *secondhand dealer shall also submit a Dealers' Record of Sale*
18 *form to the department for firearm transfers where the secondhand*
19 *dealer relinquishes possession of the firearm. The Dealers' Record*
20 *of Sale form shall be retained by the department pursuant to*
21 *paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 11106.*

22 ~~SEC. 3.~~

23 *SEC. 4. Section 12071 of the Penal Code is amended to read:*

24 12071. (a) (1) As used in this chapter, the term "licensee,"
25 "person licensed pursuant to Section 12071," or "dealer" means a
26 person who has all of the following:

27 (A) A valid federal firearms license.

28 (B) Any regulatory or business license, or licenses, required by
29 local government.

30 (C) A valid seller's permit issued by the State Board of
31 Equalization.

32 (D) A certificate of eligibility issued by the Department of
33 Justice pursuant to paragraph (4).

34 (E) A license issued in the format prescribed by paragraph (6).

35 (F) Is among those recorded in the centralized list specified in
36 subdivision (e).

37 (2) The duly constituted licensing authority of a city, county,
38 or a city and county shall accept applications for, and may grant
39 licenses permitting, licensees to sell firearms at retail within the
40 city, county, or city and county. The duly constituted licensing

1 authority shall inform applicants who are denied licenses of the
2 reasons for the denial in writing.

3 (3) No license shall be granted to any applicant who fails to
4 provide a copy of his or her valid federal firearms license, valid
5 seller's permit issued by the State Board of Equalization, and the
6 certificate of eligibility described in paragraph (4).

7 (4) A person may request a certificate of eligibility from the
8 Department of Justice. The Department of Justice shall examine
9 its records and records available to the department in the National
10 Instant Criminal Background Check System in order to determine
11 if the applicant is prohibited by state or federal law from
12 possessing, receiving, owning, or purchasing a firearm and issue
13 a certificate to an applicant if the department's records indicate
14 that the applicant is not a person who is prohibited by state or
15 federal law from possessing firearms.

16 (5) The department shall adopt regulations to administer the
17 certificate of eligibility program and shall recover the full costs of
18 administering the program by imposing fees assessed to applicants
19 who apply for those certificates.

20 (6) A license granted by the duly constituted licensing authority
21 of any city, county, or city and county, shall be valid for not more
22 than one year from the date of issuance and shall be in one of the
23 following forms:

24 (A) In the form prescribed by the Attorney General.

25 (B) A regulatory or business license that states on its face "Valid
26 for Retail Sales of Firearms" and is endorsed by the signature of
27 the issuing authority.

28 (C) A letter from the duly constituted licensing authority having
29 primary jurisdiction for the applicant's intended business location
30 stating that the jurisdiction does not require any form of regulatory
31 or business license or does not otherwise restrict or regulate the
32 sale of firearms.

33 (7) Local licensing authorities may assess fees to recover their
34 full costs of processing applications for licenses.

35 (b) A license is subject to forfeiture for a breach of any of the
36 following prohibitions and requirements:

37 (1) (A) Except as provided in subparagraphs (B) and (C), the
38 business shall be conducted only in the buildings designated in the
39 license.

1 (B) A person licensed pursuant to subdivision (a) may take
2 possession of firearms and commence preparation of registers for
3 the sale, delivery, or transfer of firearms at gun shows or events,
4 as defined in Section 478.100 of Title 27 of the Code of Federal
5 Regulations, or its successor, if the gun show or event is not
6 conducted from any motorized or towed vehicle. A person
7 conducting business pursuant to this subparagraph shall be entitled
8 to conduct business as authorized herein at any gun show or event
9 in the state without regard to the jurisdiction within this state that
10 issued the license pursuant to subdivision (a), provided the person
11 complies with (i) all applicable laws, including, but not limited to,
12 the waiting period specified in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (3),
13 and (ii) all applicable local laws, regulations, and fees, if any.

14 A person conducting business pursuant to this subparagraph
15 shall publicly display his or her license issued pursuant to
16 subdivision (a), or a facsimile thereof, at any gun show or event,
17 as specified in this subparagraph.

18 (C) A person licensed pursuant to subdivision (a) may engage
19 in the sale and transfer of firearms other than pistols, revolvers, or
20 other firearms capable of being concealed upon the person, at
21 events specified in subdivision (g) of Section 12078, subject to
22 the prohibitions and restrictions contained in that subdivision.

23 A person licensed pursuant to subdivision (a) also may accept
24 delivery of firearms other than pistols, revolvers, or other firearms
25 capable of being concealed upon the person, outside the building
26 designated in the license, provided the firearm is being donated
27 for the purpose of sale or transfer at an auction or similar event
28 specified in subdivision (g) of Section 12078.

29 (D) The firearm may be delivered to the purchaser, transferee,
30 or person being loaned the firearm at one of the following places:

31 (i) The building designated in the license.

32 (ii) The places specified in subparagraph (B) or (C).

33 (iii) The place of residence of, the fixed place of business of,
34 or on private property owned or lawfully possessed by, the
35 purchaser, transferee, or person being loaned the firearm.

36 (2) The license or a copy thereof, certified by the issuing
37 authority, shall be displayed on the premises where it can easily
38 be seen.

39 (3) No firearm shall be delivered:

1 (A) Within 10 days of the application to purchase, or, after
2 notice by the department pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section
3 12076, within 10 days of the submission to the department of any
4 correction to the application, or within 10 days of the submission
5 to the department of any fee required pursuant to subdivision (e)
6 of Section 12076, whichever is later.

7 (B) Unless unloaded and securely wrapped or unloaded and in
8 a locked container.

9 (C) Unless the purchaser, transferee, or person being loaned the
10 firearm presents clear evidence of his or her identity and age to
11 the dealer.

12 (D) Whenever the dealer is notified by the Department of Justice
13 that the person is prohibited by state or federal law from processing,
14 owning, purchasing, or receiving a firearm. The dealer shall make
15 available to the person in the prohibited class a prohibited notice
16 and transfer form, provided by the department, stating that the
17 person is prohibited from owning or possessing a firearm, and that
18 the person may obtain from the department the reason for the
19 prohibition.

20 (4) No pistol, revolver, or other firearm or imitation thereof
21 capable of being concealed upon the person, or placard advertising
22 the sale or other transfer thereof, shall be displayed in any part of
23 the premises where it can readily be seen from the outside.

24 (5) The licensee shall agree to and shall act properly and
25 promptly in processing firearms transactions pursuant to Section
26 12082.

27 (6) The licensee shall comply with Sections 12073, 12076, and
28 12077, subdivisions (a) and (b) and paragraph (1) of subdivision
29 (f) of Section 12072, and subdivision (a) of Section 12316.

30 (7) The licensee shall post conspicuously within the licensed
31 premises the following warnings in block letters not less than one
32 inch in height:

33 (A) "IF YOU KEEP A LOADED FIREARM WITHIN ANY
34 PREMISES UNDER YOUR CUSTODY OR CONTROL, AND
35 A PERSON UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE OBTAINS IT AND
36 USES IT, RESULTING IN INJURY OR DEATH, OR CARRIES
37 IT TO A PUBLIC PLACE, YOU MAY BE GUILTY OF A
38 MISDEMEANOR OR A FELONY UNLESS YOU STORED
39 THE FIREARM IN A LOCKED CONTAINER OR LOCKED

1 THE FIREARM WITH A LOCKING DEVICE, TO KEEP IT
2 FROM TEMPORARILY FUNCTIONING.”

3 (B) “IF YOU KEEP A PISTOL, REVOLVER, OR OTHER
4 FIREARM CAPABLE OF BEING CONCEALED UPON THE
5 PERSON, WITHIN ANY PREMISES UNDER YOUR CUSTODY
6 OR CONTROL, AND A PERSON UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE
7 GAINS ACCESS TO THE FIREARM, AND CARRIES IT
8 OFF-PREMISES, YOU MAY BE GUILTY OF A
9 MISDEMEANOR, UNLESS YOU STORED THE FIREARM IN
10 A LOCKED CONTAINER, OR LOCKED THE FIREARM WITH
11 A LOCKING DEVICE, TO KEEP IT FROM TEMPORARILY
12 FUNCTIONING.”

13 (C) “IF YOU KEEP ANY FIREARM WITHIN ANY
14 PREMISES UNDER YOUR CUSTODY OR CONTROL, AND
15 A PERSON UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE GAINS ACCESS TO
16 THE FIREARM, AND CARRIES IT OFF-PREMISES TO A
17 SCHOOL OR SCHOOL-SPONSORED EVENT, YOU MAY BE
18 GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR, INCLUDING A FINE OF UP
19 TO FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000), UNLESS YOU
20 STORED THE FIREARM IN A LOCKED CONTAINER, OR
21 LOCKED THE FIREARM WITH A LOCKING DEVICE.”

22 (D) “DISCHARGING FIREARMS IN POORLY
23 VENTILATED AREAS, CLEANING FIREARMS, OR
24 HANDLING AMMUNITION MAY RESULT IN EXPOSURE
25 TO LEAD, A SUBSTANCE KNOWN TO CAUSE BIRTH
26 DEFECTS, REPRODUCTIVE HARM, AND OTHER SERIOUS
27 PHYSICAL INJURY. HAVE ADEQUATE VENTILATION AT
28 ALL TIMES. WASH HANDS THOROUGHLY AFTER
29 EXPOSURE.”

30 (E) “FEDERAL REGULATIONS PROVIDE THAT IF YOU
31 DO NOT TAKE PHYSICAL POSSESSION OF THE FIREARM
32 THAT YOU ARE ACQUIRING OWNERSHIP OF WITHIN 30
33 DAYS AFTER YOU COMPLETE THE INITIAL
34 BACKGROUND CHECK PAPERWORK, THEN YOU HAVE
35 TO GO THROUGH THE BACKGROUND CHECK PROCESS
36 A SECOND TIME IN ORDER TO TAKE PHYSICAL
37 POSSESSION OF THAT FIREARM.”

38 (F) “NO PERSON SHALL MAKE AN APPLICATION TO
39 PURCHASE MORE THAN ONE PISTOL, REVOLVER, OR
40 OTHER FIREARM CAPABLE OF BEING CONCEALED UPON

1 THE PERSON WITHIN ANY 30-DAY PERIOD AND NO
2 DELIVERY SHALL BE MADE TO ANY PERSON WHO HAS
3 MADE AN APPLICATION TO PURCHASE MORE THAN ONE
4 PISTOL, REVOLVER, OR OTHER FIREARM CAPABLE OF
5 BEING CONCEALED UPON THE PERSON WITHIN ANY
6 30-DAY PERIOD.”

7 (8) (A) Commencing April 1, 1994, and until January 1, 2003,
8 no pistol, revolver, or other firearm capable of being concealed
9 upon the person shall be delivered unless the purchaser, transferee,
10 or person being loaned the firearm presents to the dealer a basic
11 firearms safety certificate.

12 (B) Commencing January 1, 2003, no dealer may deliver a
13 handgun unless the person receiving the handgun presents to the
14 dealer a valid handgun safety certificate. The firearms dealer shall
15 retain a photocopy of the handgun safety certificate as proof of
16 compliance with this requirement.

17 (C) Commencing January 1, 2003, no handgun may be delivered
18 unless the purchaser, transferee, or person being loaned the firearm
19 presents documentation indicating that he or she is a California
20 resident. Satisfactory documentation shall include a utility bill
21 from within the last three months, a residential lease, a property
22 deed, or military permanent duty station orders indicating
23 assignment within this state, or other evidence of residency as
24 permitted by the Department of Justice. The firearms dealer shall
25 retain a photocopy of the documentation as proof of compliance
26 with this requirement.

27 (D) Commencing January 1, 2003, except as authorized by the
28 department, no firearms dealer may deliver a handgun unless the
29 recipient performs a safe handling demonstration with that
30 handgun. The demonstration shall commence with the handgun
31 unloaded and locked with the firearm safety device with which it
32 is required to be delivered, if applicable. While maintaining muzzle
33 awareness, that is, the firearm is pointed in a safe direction,
34 preferably down at the ground, and trigger discipline, that is, the
35 trigger finger is outside of the trigger guard and along side of the
36 handgun frame, at all times, the handgun recipient shall correctly
37 and safely perform the following:

- 38 (i) If the handgun is a semiautomatic pistol:
- 39 (I) Remove the magazine.

- 1 (II) Lock the slide back. If the model of firearm does not allow
- 2 the slide to be locked back, pull the slide back, visually and
- 3 physically check the chamber to ensure that it is clear.
- 4 (III) Visually and physically inspect the chamber, to ensure that
- 5 the handgun is unloaded.
- 6 (IV) Remove the firearm safety device, if applicable. If the
- 7 firearm safety device prevents any of the previous steps, remove
- 8 the firearm safety device during the appropriate step.
- 9 (V) Load one bright orange, red, or other readily identifiable
- 10 dummy round into the magazine. If no readily identifiable dummy
- 11 round is available, an empty cartridge casing with an empty primer
- 12 pocket may be used.
- 13 (VI) Insert the magazine into the magazine well of the firearm.
- 14 (VII) Manipulate the slide release or pull back and release the
- 15 slide.
- 16 (VIII) Remove the magazine.
- 17 (IX) Visually inspect the chamber to reveal that a round can be
- 18 chambered with the magazine removed.
- 19 (X) Lock the slide back to eject the bright orange, red, or other
- 20 readily identifiable dummy round. If the handgun is of a model
- 21 that does not allow the slide to be locked back, pull the slide back
- 22 and physically check the chamber to ensure that the chamber is
- 23 clear. If no readily identifiable dummy round is available, an empty
- 24 cartridge casing with an empty primer pocket may be used.
- 25 (XI) Apply the safety, if applicable.
- 26 (XII) Apply the firearm safety device, if applicable. This
- 27 requirement shall not apply to an Olympic competition pistol if
- 28 no firearms safety device, other than a cable lock that the
- 29 department has determined would damage the barrel of the pistol,
- 30 has been approved for the pistol, and the pistol is either listed in
- 31 paragraph (2) of subdivision (h) of Section 12132 or is subject to
- 32 paragraph (3) of subdivision (h) of Section 12132.
- 33 (ii) If the handgun is a double-action revolver:
- 34 (I) Open the cylinder.
- 35 (II) Visually and physically inspect each chamber, to ensure
- 36 that the revolver is unloaded.
- 37 (III) Remove the firearm safety device. If the firearm safety
- 38 device prevents any of the previous steps, remove the firearm
- 39 safety device during the appropriate step.

1 (IV) While maintaining muzzle awareness and trigger discipline,
2 load one bright orange, red, or other readily identifiable dummy
3 round into a chamber of the cylinder and rotate the cylinder so that
4 the round is in the next-to-fire position. If no readily identifiable
5 dummy round is available, an empty cartridge casing with an empty
6 primer pocket may be used.

7 (V) Close the cylinder.

8 (VI) Open the cylinder and eject the round.

9 (VII) Visually and physically inspect each chamber to ensure
10 that the revolver is unloaded.

11 (VIII) Apply the firearm safety device, if applicable. This
12 requirement shall not apply to an Olympic competition pistol if
13 no firearms safety device, other than a cable lock that the
14 department has determined would damage the barrel of the pistol,
15 has been approved for the pistol, and the pistol is either listed in
16 paragraph (2) of subdivision (h) of Section 12132 or is subject to
17 paragraph (3) of subdivision (h) of Section 12132.

18 (iii) If the handgun is a single-action revolver:

19 (I) Open the loading gate.

20 (II) Visually and physically inspect each chamber, to ensure
21 that the revolver is unloaded.

22 (III) Remove the firearm safety device required to be sold with
23 the handgun. If the firearm safety device prevents any of the
24 previous steps, remove the firearm safety device during the
25 appropriate step.

26 (IV) Load one bright orange, red, or other readily identifiable
27 dummy round into a chamber of the cylinder, close the loading
28 gate and rotate the cylinder so that the round is in the next-to-fire
29 position. If no readily identifiable dummy round is available, an
30 empty cartridge casing with an empty primer pocket may be used.

31 (V) Open the loading gate and unload the revolver.

32 (VI) Visually and physically inspect each chamber to ensure
33 that the revolver is unloaded.

34 (VII) Apply the firearm safety device, if applicable. This
35 requirement shall not apply to an Olympic competition pistol if
36 no firearms safety device, other than a cable lock that the
37 department has determined would damage the barrel of the pistol,
38 has been approved for the pistol, and the pistol is either listed in
39 paragraph (2) of subdivision (h) of Section 12132 or is subject to
40 paragraph (3) of subdivision (h) of Section 12132.

1 (E) The recipient shall receive instruction regarding how to
2 render that handgun safe in the event of a jam.

3 (F) The firearms dealer shall sign and date an affidavit stating
4 that the requirements of subparagraph (D) have been met. The
5 firearms dealer shall additionally obtain the signature of the
6 handgun purchaser on the same affidavit. The firearms dealer shall
7 retain the original affidavit as proof of compliance with this
8 requirement.

9 (G) The recipient shall perform the safe handling demonstration
10 for a department-certified instructor.

11 (H) No demonstration shall be required if the dealer is returning
12 the handgun to the owner of the handgun.

13 (I) Department-certified instructors who may administer the
14 safe handling demonstration shall meet the requirements set forth
15 in subdivision (j) of Section 12804.

16 (J) The persons who are exempt from the requirements of
17 subdivision (b) of Section 12801, pursuant to Section 12807, are
18 also exempt from performing the safe handling demonstration.

19 (9) Commencing July 1, 1992, the licensee shall offer to provide
20 the purchaser or transferee of a firearm, or person being loaned a
21 firearm, with a copy of the pamphlet described in Section 12080
22 and may add the cost of the pamphlet, if any, to the sales price of
23 the firearm.

24 (10) The licensee shall not commit an act of collusion as defined
25 in Section 12072.

26 (11) The licensee shall post conspicuously within the licensed
27 premises a detailed list of each of the following:

28 (A) All charges required by governmental agencies for
29 processing firearm transfers required by Sections 12076, 12082,
30 and 12806.

31 (B) All fees that the licensee charges pursuant to Sections 12082
32 and 12806.

33 (12) The licensee shall not misstate the amount of fees charged
34 by a governmental agency pursuant to Sections 12076, 12082, and
35 12806.

36 (13) Except as provided in subparagraphs (B) and (C) of
37 paragraph (1) of subdivision (b), all firearms that are in the
38 inventory of the licensee shall be kept within the licensed location.
39 The licensee shall report the loss or theft of any firearm that is
40 merchandise of the licensee, any firearm that the licensee takes

1 possession of pursuant to Section 12082, or any firearm kept at
2 the licensee's place of business within 48 hours of discovery to
3 the appropriate law enforcement agency in the city, county, or city
4 and county where the licensee's business premises are located.

5 (14) Except as provided in subparagraphs (B) and (C) of
6 paragraph (1) of subdivision (b), any time when the licensee is not
7 open for business, all inventory firearms shall be stored in the
8 licensed location. All firearms shall be secured using one of the
9 following methods as to each particular firearm:

10 (A) Store the firearm in a secure facility that is a part of, or that
11 constitutes, the licensee's business premises.

12 (B) Secure the firearm with a hardened steel rod or cable of at
13 least one-eighth inch in diameter through the trigger guard of the
14 firearm. The steel rod or cable shall be secured with a hardened
15 steel lock that has a shackle. The lock and shackle shall be
16 protected or shielded from the use of a boltcutter and the rod or
17 cable shall be anchored in a manner that prevents the removal of
18 the firearm from the premises.

19 (C) Store the firearm in a locked fireproof safe or vault in the
20 licensee's business premises.

21 (15) The licensing authority in an unincorporated area of a
22 county or within a city may impose security requirements that are
23 more strict or are at a higher standard than those specified in
24 paragraph (14).

25 (16) Commencing January 1, 1994, the licensee shall, upon the
26 issuance or renewal of a license, submit a copy of the same to the
27 Department of Justice.

28 (17) The licensee shall maintain and make available for
29 inspection during business hours to any peace officer, authorized
30 local law enforcement employee, or Department of Justice
31 employee designated by the Attorney General, upon the
32 presentation of proper identification, a firearms transaction record.

33 (18) (A) On the date of receipt, the licensee shall report to the
34 Department of Justice in a format prescribed by the department
35 the acquisition by the licensee of the ownership of a pistol,
36 revolver, or other firearm capable of being concealed upon the
37 person.

38 (B) The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to any of
39 the following transactions:

- 1 (i) A transaction subject to the provisions of subdivision (n) of
2 Section 12078.
- 3 (ii) The dealer acquired the firearm from a wholesaler.
- 4 (iii) The dealer acquired the firearm from a person who is
5 licensed as a manufacturer or importer to engage in those activities
6 pursuant to Chapter 44 (commencing with Section 921) of Title
7 18 of the United States Code and any regulations issued pursuant
8 thereto.
- 9 (iv) The dealer acquired the firearm from a person who resides
10 outside this state who is licensed pursuant to Chapter 44
11 (commencing with Section 921) of Title 18 of the United States
12 Code and any regulations issued pursuant thereto.
- 13 (19) The licensee shall forward in a format prescribed by the
14 Department of Justice, information as required by the department
15 on any firearm that is not delivered within the time period set forth
16 in Section 478.102 (c) of Title 27 of the Code of Federal
17 Regulations.
- 18 (20) (A) Firearms dealers may require any agent who handles,
19 sells, or delivers firearms to obtain and provide to the dealer a
20 certificate of eligibility from the department pursuant to paragraph
21 (4) of subdivision (a). The agent or employee shall provide on the
22 application, the name and California firearms dealer number of
23 the firearms dealer with whom he or she is employed.
- 24 (B) The department shall notify the firearms dealer in the event
25 that the agent or employee who has a certificate of eligibility is or
26 becomes prohibited from possessing firearms.
- 27 (C) If the local jurisdiction requires a background check of the
28 agents or employees of the firearms dealer, the agent or employee
29 shall obtain a certificate of eligibility pursuant to subparagraph
30 (A).
- 31 (D) Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to preclude a
32 local jurisdiction from conducting an additional background check
33 pursuant to Section 11105 or prohibiting employment based on
34 criminal history that does not appear as part of obtaining a
35 certificate of eligibility, provided however, that the local
36 jurisdiction may not charge a fee for the additional criminal history
37 check.
- 38 (E) The licensee shall prohibit any agent who the licensee knows
39 or reasonably should know is within a class of persons prohibited
40 from possessing firearms pursuant to Section 12021 or 12021.1

1 of this code, or Section 8100 or 8103 of the Welfare and
2 Institutions Code, from coming into contact with any firearm that
3 is not secured and from accessing any key, combination, code, or
4 other means to open any of the locking devices described in clause
5 (ii) of subparagraph (G) of this paragraph.

6 (F) Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as preventing
7 a local government from enacting an ordinance imposing additional
8 conditions on licensees with regard to agents.

9 (G) For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall
10 apply:

11 (i) An “agent” is an employee of the licensee.

12 (ii) “Secured” means a firearm that is made inoperable in one
13 or more of the following ways:

14 (I) The firearm is inoperable because it is secured by a firearms
15 safety device listed on the department’s roster of approved firearms
16 safety devices pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 12088 of this
17 chapter.

18 (II) The firearm is stored in a locked gun safe or long-gun safe
19 which meets the standards for department-approved gun safes set
20 forth in Section 12088.2.

21 (III) The firearm is stored in a distinct locked room or area in
22 the building that is used to store firearms that can only be unlocked
23 by a key, a combination, or similar means.

24 (IV) The firearm is secured with a hardened steel rod or cable
25 that is at least one-eighth of an inch in diameter through the trigger
26 guard of the firearm. The steel rod or cable shall be secured with
27 a hardened steel lock that has a shackle. The lock and shackle shall
28 be protected or shielded from the use of a boltcutter and the rod
29 or cable shall be anchored in a manner that prevents the removal
30 of the firearm from the premises.

31 (c) (1) As used in this article, “clear evidence of his or her
32 identity and age” means either of the following:

33 (A) A valid California driver’s license.

34 (B) A valid California identification card issued by the
35 Department of Motor Vehicles.

36 (2) As used in this section, a “secure facility” means a building
37 that meets all of the following specifications:

38 (A) All perimeter doorways shall meet one of the following:

39 (i) A windowless steel security door equipped with both a dead
40 bolt and a doorknob lock.

- 1 (ii) A windowed metal door that is equipped with both a dead
2 bolt and a doorknob lock. If the window has an opening of five
3 inches or more measured in any direction, the window shall be
4 covered with steel bars of at least ½-inch diameter or metal grating
5 of at least 9 gauge affixed to the exterior or interior of the door.
- 6 (iii) A metal grate that is padlocked and affixed to the licensee's
7 premises independent of the door and doorframe.
- 8 (B) All windows are covered with steel bars.
- 9 (C) Heating, ventilating, air-conditioning, and service openings
10 are secured with steel bars, metal grating, or an alarm system.
- 11 (D) Any metal grates have spaces no larger than six inches wide
12 measured in any direction.
- 13 (E) Any metal screens have spaces no larger than three inches
14 wide measured in any direction.
- 15 (F) All steel bars shall be no further than six inches apart.
- 16 (3) As used in this section, "licensed premises," "licensed place
17 of business," "licensee's place of business," or "licensee's business
18 premises" means the building designated in the license.
- 19 (4) For purposes of paragraph (17) of subdivision (b):
- 20 (A) A "firearms transaction record" is a record containing the
21 same information referred to in subdivision (a) of Section 478.124,
22 Section 478.124a, and subdivision (e) of Section 478.125 of Title
23 27 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
- 24 (B) A licensee shall be in compliance with the provisions of
25 paragraph (17) of subdivision (b) if he or she maintains and makes
26 available for inspection during business hours to any peace officer,
27 authorized local law enforcement employee, or Department of
28 Justice employee designated by the Attorney General, upon the
29 presentation of proper identification, the bound book containing
30 the same information referred to in Section 478.124a and
31 subdivision (e) of Section 478.125 of Title 27 of the Code of
32 Federal Regulations and the records referred to in subdivision (a)
33 of Section 478.124 of Title 27 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
- 34 (d) Upon written request from a licensee, the licensing authority
35 may grant an exemption from compliance with the requirements
36 of paragraph (14) of subdivision (b) if the licensee is unable to
37 comply with those requirements because of local ordinances,
38 covenants, lease conditions, or similar circumstances not under
39 the control of the licensee.

1 (e) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the
2 Department of Justice shall keep a centralized list of all persons
3 licensed pursuant to subparagraphs (A) to (E), inclusive, of
4 paragraph (1) of subdivision (a). The department may remove from
5 this list any person who knowingly or with gross negligence
6 violates this article. Upon removal of a dealer from this list,
7 notification shall be provided to local law enforcement and
8 licensing authorities in the jurisdiction where the dealer's business
9 is located.

10 (2) The department shall remove from the centralized list any
11 person whose federal firearms license has expired or has been
12 revoked.

13 (3) Information compiled from the list shall be made available,
14 upon request, for the following purposes only:

15 (A) For law enforcement purposes.

16 (B) When the information is requested by a person licensed
17 pursuant to Chapter 44 (commencing with Section 921) of Title
18 18 of the United States Code for determining the validity of the
19 license for firearm shipments.

20 (C) When information is requested by a person promoting,
21 sponsoring, operating, or otherwise organizing a show or event as
22 defined in Section 478.100 of Title 27 of the Code of Federal
23 Regulations, or its successor, who possesses a valid certificate of
24 eligibility issued pursuant to Section 12071.1, if that information
25 is requested by the person to determine the eligibility of a
26 prospective participant in a gun show or event to conduct
27 transactions as a firearms dealer pursuant to subparagraph (B) of
28 paragraph (1) of subdivision (b).

29 (4) Information provided pursuant to paragraph (3) shall be
30 limited to information necessary to corroborate an individual's
31 current license status as being one of the following:

32 (A) A person licensed pursuant to subparagraphs (A) to (E),
33 inclusive, of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a).

34 (B) A person licensed pursuant to Chapter 44 (commencing
35 with Section 921) of Title 18 of the United States Code and who
36 is not subject to the requirement that he or she be licensed pursuant
37 to subparagraphs (A) to (E), inclusive, of paragraph (1) of
38 subdivision (a).

39 (f) The Department of Justice may inspect dealers to ensure
40 compliance with this article. The department may assess an annual

1 fee, not to exceed one hundred fifteen dollars (\$115), to cover the
2 reasonable cost of maintaining the list described in subdivision
3 (e), including the cost of inspections. Dealers whose place of
4 business is in a jurisdiction that has adopted an inspection program
5 to ensure compliance with firearms law shall be exempt from that
6 portion of the department's fee that relates to the cost of
7 inspections. The applicant is responsible for providing evidence
8 to the department that the jurisdiction in which the business is
9 located has the inspection program.

10 (g) The Department of Justice shall maintain and make available
11 upon request information concerning the number of inspections
12 conducted and the amount of fees collected pursuant to subdivision
13 (f), a listing of exempted jurisdictions, as defined in subdivision
14 (f), the number of dealers removed from the centralized list defined
15 in subdivision (e), and the number of dealers found to have violated
16 this article with knowledge or gross negligence.

17 (h) Paragraph (14) or (15) of subdivision (b) shall not apply to
18 a licensee organized as a nonprofit public benefit or mutual benefit
19 corporation organized pursuant to Part 2 (commencing with Section
20 5110) or Part 3 (commencing with Section 7110) of Division 2 of
21 the Corporations Code, if both of the following conditions are
22 satisfied:

23 (1) The nonprofit public benefit or mutual benefit corporation
24 obtained the dealer's license solely and exclusively to assist that
25 corporation or local chapters of that corporation in conducting
26 auctions or similar events at which firearms are auctioned off to
27 fund the activities of that corporation or the local chapters of the
28 corporation.

29 (2) The firearms are not pistols, revolvers, or other firearms
30 capable of being concealed upon the person.

31 *SEC. 5. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to*
32 *Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because*
33 *the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school*
34 *district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or*
35 *infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty*
36 *for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of*
37 *the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within*

1 *the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California*
2 *Constitution.*

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