

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 829**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Knight**

February 17, 2011

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An act to amend Sections 538d, 16690, 25450, 25900, and 26300 of the Penal Code, relating to peace officers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 829, as introduced, Knight. Peace officers: firearms.

(1) Existing law authorizes the head of an agency employing certain categories of peace officers to issue identification in the form of a badge, insignia, emblem, device, label, certificate, card, or writing that clearly states that the person has honorably retired following service as a peace officer from that agency. Existing law also permits these agencies to revoke this identification in the event of misuse or abuse.

This bill would expand this authorization to any agency listed in certain provisions of law, as specified.

(2) Existing law defines “honorably retired” for purposes of certain provisions of law involving the carrying of concealed weapons as a peace officer who has qualified for, and has accepted, a service or disability retirement.

This bill would instead define “honorably retired” for these purposes as a peace officer who has met his or her department’s years of service requirement, and has accepted a separation of service or disability retirement.

(3) Existing law requires a peace officer who was authorized, and did, carry a firearm during the course and scope of employment as a peace officer to have an endorsement on their identification certificate

stating that the issuing agency approves of the officer’s carrying of a concealed and loaded firearm.

This bill would provide that these provisions also apply to level I and level II reserve officers, as specified, who have served at least 15 years in the aggregate as a California reserve peace officer.

(4) Various provisions of existing law state that the ban on the carrying of concealed weapons does not apply to honorably retired peace officers who were authorized to carry firearms during the course and scope of their employment as peace officers.

This bill would state that the exemption applies to honorably retired peace officers who were authorized to carry firearms during the course and scope of their appointment as peace officers.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 538d of the Penal Code, as amended by  
2 Section 58 of Chapter 178 of the Statutes of 2010, is amended to  
3 read:

4 538d. (a) Any person other than one who by law is given the  
5 authority of a peace officer, who willfully wears, exhibits, or uses  
6 the authorized uniform, insignia, emblem, device, label, certificate,  
7 card, or writing, of a peace officer, with the intent of fraudulently  
8 impersonating a peace officer, or of fraudulently inducing the  
9 belief that he or she is a peace officer, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

10 (b) (1) Any person, other than the one who by law is given the  
11 authority of a peace officer, who willfully wears, exhibits, or uses  
12 the badge of a peace officer with the intent of fraudulently  
13 impersonating a peace officer, or of fraudulently inducing the  
14 belief that he or she is a peace officer, is guilty of a misdemeanor  
15 punishable by imprisonment in a county jail not to exceed one  
16 year, by a fine not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000), or by  
17 both that imprisonment and fine.

18 (2) Any person who willfully wears or uses any badge that  
19 falsely purports to be authorized for the use of one who by law is  
20 given the authority of a peace officer, or which so resembles the  
21 authorized badge of a peace officer as would deceive any ordinary  
22 reasonable person into believing that it is authorized for the use  
23 of one who by law is given the authority of a peace officer, for the

1 purpose of fraudulently impersonating a peace officer, or of  
2 fraudulently inducing the belief that he or she is a peace officer,  
3 is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in a county  
4 jail not to exceed one year, by a fine not to exceed two thousand  
5 dollars (\$2,000), or by both that imprisonment and fine.

6 (c) Except as provided in subdivision (d), any person who  
7 willfully wears, exhibits, or uses, or who willfully makes, sells,  
8 loans, gives, or transfers to another, any badge, insignia, emblem,  
9 device, or any label, certificate, card, or writing, which falsely  
10 purports to be authorized for the use of one who by law is given  
11 the authority of a peace officer, or which so resembles the  
12 authorized badge, insignia, emblem, device, label, certificate, card,  
13 or writing of a peace officer as would deceive an ordinary  
14 reasonable person into believing that it is authorized for the use  
15 of one who by law is given the authority of a peace officer, is guilty  
16 of a misdemeanor, except that any person who makes or sells any  
17 badge under the circumstances described in this subdivision is  
18 subject to a fine not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000).

19 (d) (1) ~~The head of an agency that employs peace officers, as~~  
20 ~~defined in Sections 830.1 and 830.2, listed in Sections 830.1 to~~  
21 ~~830.6, inclusive, is authorized to issue identification in the form~~  
22 ~~of a badge, insignia, emblem, device, label, certificate, card, or~~  
23 ~~writing that clearly states that the person has honorably retired~~  
24 ~~following service as a peace officer from that agency. The~~  
25 ~~identification authorized pursuant to this subdivision is separate~~  
26 ~~and distinct from the identification authorized by Article 2~~  
27 ~~(commencing with Section 25450) of Chapter 2 of Division 5 of~~  
28 ~~Title 4 of Part 6.~~

29 (2) If the head of an agency issues a badge to an honorably  
30 retired peace officer that is not affixed to a plaque or other  
31 memento commemorating the retiree's service for the agency, the  
32 words "Honorably Retired" shall be clearly visible above,  
33 underneath, or on the badge itself.

34 (3) ~~The head of an agency that employs peace officers as defined~~  
35 ~~in Sections 830.1 and 830.2 listed in Sections 830.1 to 830.6,~~  
36 ~~inclusive, is authorized to revoke identification granted pursuant~~  
37 ~~to this subdivision in the event of misuse or abuse.~~

38 (4) For the purposes of this subdivision, the term "honorably  
39 retired" does not include an officer who has agreed to a service  
40 retirement in lieu of termination.

1 (e) (1) Vendors of law enforcement uniforms shall verify that  
2 a person purchasing a uniform identifying a law enforcement  
3 agency is an employee of the agency identified on the uniform.  
4 Presentation and examination of a valid identification card with a  
5 picture of the person purchasing the uniform and identification,  
6 on the letterhead of the law enforcement agency, of the person  
7 buying the uniform as an employee of the agency identified on the  
8 uniform shall be sufficient verification.

9 (2) Any uniform vendor who sells a uniform identifying a law  
10 enforcement agency, without verifying that the purchaser is an  
11 employee of the agency, is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable  
12 by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

13 (3) This subdivision shall not apply if the uniform is to be used  
14 solely as a prop for a motion picture, television, video production,  
15 or a theatrical event, and prior written permission has been obtained  
16 from the identified law enforcement agency.

17 SEC. 2. Section 16690 of the Penal Code is amended to read:  
18 16690. As used in Sections 25650 and 26020, Article 2  
19 (commencing with Section 25450) of Chapter 2 of Division 5 of  
20 Title 4, and Article 3 (commencing with Section 25900) of Chapter  
21 3 of Division 5 of Title 4, “honorably retired” includes any peace  
22 officer who has ~~qualified for, and has accepted,~~ *a met his or her*  
23 *department’s years of service requirement, and has accepted a*  
24 *separation of service or disability retirement.* As used in those  
25 provisions, “honorably retired” does not include an officer who  
26 has agreed to a service retirement in lieu of termination.

27 SEC. 3. Section 25450 of the Penal Code is amended to read:  
28 25450. As provided in this article, Section 25400 does not  
29 apply to, or affect, any of the following:

30 (a) Any peace officer, listed in Section 830.1 or 830.2, or  
31 subdivision (a) of Section 830.33, whether active or honorably  
32 retired.

33 (b) Any other duly appointed peace officer.

34 (c) Any honorably retired peace officer listed in subdivision (c)  
35 of Section 830.5.

36 (d) Any other honorably retired peace officer who during the  
37 course and scope of ~~employment~~ *his or her appointment* as a peace  
38 officer was authorized to, and did, carry a firearm.

1 (e) Any full-time paid peace officer of another state or the  
2 federal government who is carrying out official duties while in  
3 California.

4 (f) Any person summoned by any of these officers to assist in  
5 making arrests or preserving the peace while the person is actually  
6 engaged in assisting that officer.

7 SEC. 4. Section 25900 of the Penal Code is amended to read:  
8 25900. As provided in this article, Section 25850 does not  
9 apply to any of the following:

10 (a) Any peace officer, listed in Section 830.1 or 830.2, or  
11 subdivision (a) of Section 830.33, whether active or honorably  
12 retired.

13 (b) Any other duly appointed peace officer.

14 (c) Any honorably retired peace officer listed in subdivision (c)  
15 of Section 830.5.

16 (d) Any other honorably retired peace officer who during the  
17 course and scope of ~~employment~~ *his or her appointment* as a peace  
18 officer was authorized to, and did, carry a firearm.

19 (e) Any full-time paid peace officer of another state or the  
20 federal government who is carrying out official duties while in  
21 California.

22 (f) Any person summoned by any of these officers to assist in  
23 making arrests or preserving the peace while the person is actually  
24 engaged in assisting that officer.

25 SEC. 5. Section 26300 of the Penal Code is amended to read:  
26 26300. (a) Any peace officer listed in Section 830.1 or 830.2  
27 or subdivision (c) of Section 830.5 who retired prior to January 1,  
28 1981, is authorized to carry a concealed and loaded firearm if the  
29 agency issued the officer an identification certificate and the  
30 certificate has not been stamped as specified in Section 25470.

31 (b) Any peace officer employed by an agency and listed in  
32 Section 830.1 or 830.2 or subdivision (c) of Section 830.5 who  
33 retired after January 1, 1981, shall have an endorsement on the  
34 officer's identification certificate stating that the issuing agency  
35 approves the officer's carrying of a concealed and loaded firearm.

36 (c) (1) Any peace officer not listed in subdivision (a) or (b)  
37 who was authorized to, and did, carry a firearm during the course  
38 and scope of ~~employment~~ *his or her appointment* as a peace officer  
39 shall have an endorsement on the officer's identification certificate

1 stating that the issuing agency approves the officer's carrying of  
2 a concealed and loaded firearm.

3 *(2) This subdivision applies to a retired reserve officer if the*  
4 *retired reserve officer satisfies the requirements of paragraph (1),*  
5 *was a level I or level II reserve officer as described in paragraph*  
6 *(1) or (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 832.6, and he or she served*  
7 *at least 15 years in the aggregate as a California reserve peace*  
8 *officer.*

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