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SENATE BILL

No. 427

Introduced by Senator De León

February 16, 2011

An act to amend Section 3479 of the Civil Code, and to amend Sections 30312, 30352, 30355, 30357, and 30362 of the Penal Code, relating to ammunition and firearms.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 427, as amended, De León. Ammunition.

(1) Existing law authorizes issuance of an injunction prohibiting specified criminal gang activity for purposes of abating a nuisance.

This bill would require the court issuing an injunction against gang activity, as specified, to state on the record whether any or all of the defendants are enjoined from possessing a firearm as a term of the injunction.

(2) Existing law prohibits a vendor from selling or otherwise transferring ownership of any handgun ammunition without, at the time of delivery, legibly recording specified information regarding the purchaser or transferee, and maintaining the record for a period of not less than 5 years, as specified. Existing law provides that violation of these provisions is a misdemeanor. Existing law also provides that the records shall be subject to inspection by any peace officer and certain others, as specified, for purposes of an investigation where access to those records is or may be relevant to that investigation, when seeking information about persons prohibited from owning a firearm or

ammunition, or when engaged in ensuring compliance with laws pertaining to firearms or ammunition, as specified.

This bill would require *that* the information described above in connection with the transfer of handgun ammunition be legibly or electronically recorded. The bill would provide that commencing February 1, 2012, except for investigatory and enforcement purposes described above, no ammunition vendor shall provide the information described above to any 3rd party without the written consent of the purchaser or transferee *and would require the records to be maintained in a manner that protects the privacy of the purchaser or transferee who is the subject of the record.* The bill would also permit records containing that information to be copied for investigatory or enforcement purposes by any person authorized to inspect those records, as specified; ~~and that copies shall be transmitted to local law enforcement if required by local law.~~ *The bill would provide that anyone who uses, copies, or discloses any of the information for any purpose that is unauthorized by these provisions is guilty of a misdemeanor.* Any required ammunition records that are no longer required to be maintained would be destroyed in a manner that protects the privacy of the purchaser or transferee who is the subject of the record. The bill would provide that violation of these provisions is a misdemeanor.

By creating new crimes, and by expanding the scope of an existing crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The bill would require ammunition vendors, commencing February 1, 2012, to provide written notice to the local police chief, or if the vendor is in an unincorporated area, to the county sheriff, of the vendor's intent to conduct business in the jurisdiction, and to obtain any regulatory or business license required by the jurisdiction for ammunition sellers.

(3) Existing law provides that the delivery or transfer of ownership of handgun ammunition may only occur in a face-to-face transaction with the deliverer or transferor being provided bona fide evidence of identity from the purchaser or other transferee.

This bill would also provide that handgun ammunition may be purchased over the Internet or through other means of remote ordering if a handgun ammunition vendor in California initially receives the ammunition and processes the transfer, as specified.

(4) 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: yes.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 3479 of the Civil Code is amended to
2 read:

3 3479. (a) Anything which is injurious to health, including, but
4 not limited to, the illegal sale of controlled substances, or is
5 indecent or offensive to the senses, or an obstruction to the free
6 use of property, so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment
7 of life or property, or unlawfully obstructs the free passage or use,
8 in the customary manner, of any navigable lake, or river, bay,
9 stream, canal, or basin, or any public park, square, street, or
10 highway, is a nuisance.

11 (b) In every case in which a court orders an injunction pursuant
12 to this section to abate a nuisance related to gang activity, the court
13 shall state on the record whether any or all defendants shall be
14 enjoined from possessing a firearm as a term of the injunction.

15 SEC. 2. Section 30312 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

16 30312. (a) The delivery or transfer of ownership of handgun
17 ammunition may only occur in a face-to-face transaction with the
18 deliverer or transferor being provided bona fide evidence of identity
19 from the purchaser or other transferee, provided, however, that
20 handgun ammunition may be purchased over the Internet or
21 through other means of remote ordering if a handgun ammunition
22 vendor in California initially receives the ammunition and
23 processes the transfer in compliance with this section and Article
24 3 (commencing with Section 30345) of Chapter 1 of Division 10
25 of Title 4 of Part 6.

26 (b) Subdivision (a) shall not apply to or affect the sale, delivery,
27 or transfer of handgun ammunition to any of the following:

28 (1) An authorized law enforcement representative of a city,
29 county, city and county, or state or federal government, if the sale,
30 delivery, or transfer is for exclusive use by that government agency
31 and, prior to the sale, delivery, or transfer of the handgun
32 ammunition, written authorization from the head of the agency
33 employing the purchaser or transferee is obtained, identifying the

1 employee as an individual authorized to conduct the transaction,
2 and authorizing the transaction for the exclusive use of the agency
3 employing the individual.

4 (2) A sworn peace officer, as defined in Chapter 4.5
5 (commencing with Section 830) of Title 3 of Part 2 who is
6 authorized to carry a firearm in the course and scope of the officer's
7 duties.

8 (3) An importer or manufacturer of handgun ammunition or
9 firearms who is licensed to engage in business pursuant to Chapter
10 44 (commencing with Section 921) of Title 18 of the United States
11 Code and the regulations issued pursuant thereto.

12 (4) A person who is on the centralized list maintained by the
13 Department of Justice pursuant to Article 6 (commencing with
14 Section 28450) of Chapter 6 of Division 6 of this title.

15 (5) A person whose licensed premises are outside this state and
16 who is licensed as a dealer or collector of firearms pursuant to
17 Chapter 44 (commencing with Section 921) of Title 18 of the
18 United States Code and the regulations issued pursuant thereto.

19 (6) A person who is licensed as a collector of firearms pursuant
20 to Chapter 44 (commencing with Section 921) of Title 18 of the
21 United States Code and the regulations issued pursuant thereto,
22 whose licensed premises are within this state, and who has a current
23 certificate of eligibility issued by the Department of Justice
24 pursuant to Section 26710.

25 (7) A handgun ammunition vendor.

26 (8) A consultant-evaluator.

27 (c) A violation of this section is a misdemeanor.

28 SEC. 3. Section 30352 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

29 30352. (a) A vendor shall not sell or otherwise transfer
30 ownership of any handgun ammunition without, at the time of
31 delivery, legibly or electronically recording the following
32 information:

33 (1) The date of the sale or other transaction.

34 (2) The purchaser's or transferee's driver's license or other
35 identification number and the state in which it was issued.

36 (3) The brand, type, and amount of ammunition sold or
37 otherwise transferred.

38 (4) The purchaser's or transferee's signature.

39 (5) The name of the salesperson who processed the sale or other
40 transaction.

1 (6) The right thumbprint of the purchaser or transferee on the
2 above form.

3 (7) The purchaser's or transferee's full residential address and
4 telephone number.

5 (8) The purchaser's or transferee's date of birth.

6 (b) Subdivision (a) shall not apply to or affect sales or other
7 transfers of ownership of handgun ammunition by handgun
8 ammunition vendors to any of the following, if properly identified:

9 (1) A person licensed pursuant to Sections 26700 to 26915,
10 inclusive.

11 (2) A handgun ammunition vendor.

12 (3) A person who is on the centralized list maintained by the
13 department pursuant to Article 6 (commencing with Section 28450)
14 of Chapter 6 of Division 6 of this title.

15 (4) A target facility that holds a business or regulatory license.

16 (5) A gunsmith.

17 (6) A wholesaler.

18 (7) A manufacturer or importer of firearms licensed pursuant
19 to Chapter 44 (commencing with Section 921) of Title 18 of the
20 United States Code, and the regulations issued pursuant thereto.

21 (8) An authorized law enforcement representative of a city,
22 county, city and county, or state or federal government, if the sale
23 or other transfer of ownership is for exclusive use by that
24 government agency, and, prior to the sale, delivery, or transfer of
25 the handgun ammunition, written authorization from the head of
26 the agency authorizing the transaction is presented to the person
27 from whom the purchase, delivery, or transfer is being made.
28 Proper written authorization is defined as verifiable written
29 certification from the head of the agency by which the purchaser,
30 transferee, or person otherwise acquiring ownership is employed,
31 identifying the employee as an individual authorized to conduct
32 the transaction, and authorizing the transaction for the exclusive
33 use of the agency by which that individual is employed.

34 SEC. 4. Section 30355 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

35 30355. The records required by this article shall be maintained
36 on the premises of the vendor for a period of not less than five
37 years from the date of the recorded transfer. ~~Copies of these records~~
38 ~~shall be transmitted to the county sheriff or chief of police if~~
39 ~~required by local law.~~ Commencing February 1, 2012, except for
40 the purposes set forth in Section 30357, no vendor shall provide

1 the information specified in subdivision (a) of Section 30352 to
2 any third party without the written consent of the purchaser or
3 transferee, *and all records shall be maintained in a manner that*
4 *protects the privacy of the purchaser or transferee who is the*
5 *subject of the record. Anyone who uses, copies, or discloses any*
6 *of the information contained in the records for any purpose that*
7 *is not authorized by this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor,*
8 *punishable by imprisonment in a county jail not to exceed six*
9 *months, by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or*
10 *by both that fine and imprisonment.* Any records required by this
11 section that are no longer required to be maintained shall be
12 destroyed in a manner that protects the privacy of the purchaser
13 or transferee who is the subject of the record.

14 SEC. 5. Section 30357 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

15 30357. (a) The records referred to in Section 30352 shall be
16 subject to inspection at any time during normal business hours by
17 any peace officer employed by a sheriff, city police department,
18 or district attorney as provided in subdivision (a) of Section 830.1,
19 or employed by the department as provided in subdivision (b) of
20 Section 830.1, provided that the officer is conducting an
21 investigation where access to those records is or may be relevant,
22 is seeking information about persons prohibited from owning a
23 firearm or ammunition, or is engaged in ensuring compliance with
24 the Dangerous Weapons Control Law, as defined in Section 23500,
25 or any other laws pertaining to firearms or ammunition.

26 (b) The records referred to in Section 30352 shall also be subject
27 to inspection at any time during normal business hours by any
28 other employee of the department, provided that the employee is
29 conducting an investigation where access to those records is or
30 may be relevant, is seeking information about persons prohibited
31 from owning a firearm or ammunition, or is engaged in ensuring
32 compliance with the Dangerous Weapons Control Law, as defined
33 in Section 23500, or any other laws pertaining to firearms or
34 ammunition. Records may be copied for investigatory or
35 enforcement purposes by any person authorized to inspect those
36 records pursuant to this section.

37 SEC. 6. Section 30362 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

38 30362. (a) No vendor shall, during any inspection conducted
39 pursuant to this article, refuse to permit a person authorized under

1 Section 30357 to examine any record prepared in accordance with
2 this article.

3 (b) No vendor shall refuse to permit the use of any record or
4 information by a person authorized under Section 30357.

5 (c) Commencing February 1, 2012, a vendor shall provide
6 written notice to the local police chief, or if the vendor is in an
7 unincorporated area, to the county sheriff, of the vendor's intent
8 to conduct business in the jurisdiction, and shall obtain any
9 regulatory or business license required by the jurisdiction for
10 ammunition sellers.

11 SEC. 7. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
12 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
13 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school
14 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or
15 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty
16 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of
17 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within
18 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California
19 Constitution.