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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 1366**

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**Introduced by Senator DeSaulnier**

February 24, 2012

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An act to amend Sections 16520, 26835, and 27535 of, and to add Division 4.5 (commencing with Section 25250) to Title 4 of Part 6 of, the Penal Code, relating to firearms.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1366, as amended, DeSaulnier. Firearms: lost or stolen: reports.

(1) Existing law requires each sheriff or police chief executive to submit descriptions of serialized property, or nonserialized property that has been uniquely inscribed, which has been reported stolen, lost, or found directly into the appropriate Department of Justice automated property system for firearms, stolen bicycles, stolen vehicles, or other property. Existing law requires that information about a firearm entered into the automated system for firearms remain in the system until the reported firearm has been found. Existing law requires the Department of Justice to implement an electronic system to receive comprehensive tracing information from each local law enforcement agency and to forward the information to the National Tracing Center.

This bill would require every person, with exceptions, to report the theft or loss of a firearm he or she owns or possesses to a local law enforcement agency in the jurisdiction in which the theft or loss occurred within 48 hours of the time he or she knew or reasonably should have known that the firearm had been stolen or lost, and requires every person

who has reported a firearm lost or stolen to notify the local law enforcement agency within 48 hours if the firearm is subsequently recovered. The bill would make a violation of these provisions an infraction punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100 for a first offense, an infraction punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 for a 2nd offense, and a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding 6 months, or by a fine not to exceed \$1,000, or both that fine and imprisonment, for a 3rd or subsequent offense. The bill would make it a misdemeanor for any person to make a report to a local law enforcement agency that a firearm has been lost or stolen, knowing the report to be false. By creating new crimes, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The bill would require every sheriff or police chief to submit a description of each firearm that has been reported lost or stolen directly to the Department of Justice automated property system for firearms. By imposing new duties on local agencies, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The bill would also require that persons licensed to sell firearms post a warning within the licensed premises in block letters stating the requirement that a lost or stolen firearm be reported to a local law enforcement agency, as specified.

(2) Existing law prohibits a person from making an application to purchase more than one handgun within any 30-day period. Existing law makes an exception for the replacement of a handgun when the person's handgun was lost or stolen and the person reported the firearm lost or stolen prior to the completion of the application to purchase.

This bill would instead make the exception for the replacement of a lost or stolen handgun applicable when the person has reported the handgun lost or stolen pursuant to the provisions of this bill.

*(3) This bill would incorporate additional changes to Section 16520 of the Penal Code proposed by AB 1527, that would become operative only if AB 1527 and this bill are both enacted, both bills become effective on or before January 1, 2012, and this bill is enacted last.*

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(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 with regard to certain mandates no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

With regard to any other mandates, this bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs so mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above.

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 16520 of the Penal Code is amended to  
2 read:  
3 16520. (a) As used in this part, “firearm” means any device,  
4 designed to be used as a weapon, from which is expelled through  
5 a barrel, a projectile by the force of any explosion or other form  
6 of combustion.  
7 (b) As used in the following provisions, “firearm” includes the  
8 frame or receiver of the weapon:  
9 (1) Section 16550.  
10 (2) Section 16730.  
11 (3) Section 16960.  
12 (4) Section 16990.  
13 (5) Section 17070.  
14 (6) Section 17310.  
15 (7) Sections 25250 to 25256, inclusive.  
16 (8) Sections 26500 to 26588, inclusive.  
17 (9) Sections 26600 to 27140, inclusive.  
18 (10) Sections 27400 to 28000, inclusive.  
19 (11) Section 28100.  
20 (12) Sections 28400 to 28415, inclusive.  
21 (13) Sections 29010 to 29150, inclusive.  
22 (14) Sections 29610 to 29750, inclusive.  
23 (15) Sections 29800 to 29905, inclusive.  
24 (16) Sections 30150 to 30165, inclusive.  
25 (17) Section 31615.  
26 (18) Sections 31705 to 31830, inclusive.  
27 (19) Sections 34355 to 34370, inclusive.  
28 (20) Sections 8100, 8101, and 8103 of the Welfare and  
29 Institutions Code.  
30 (c) As used in the following provisions, “firearm” also includes  
31 any rocket, rocket propelled projectile launcher, or similar device

1 containing any explosive or incendiary material whether or not  
2 the device is designed for emergency or distress signaling purposes:

- 3 (1) Section 16750.  
4 (2) Subdivision (b) of Section 16840.  
5 (3) Section 25400.  
6 (4) Sections 25850 to 26025, inclusive.  
7 (5) Subdivisions (a), (b), and (c) of Section 26030.  
8 (6) Sections 26035 to 26055, inclusive.  
9 (d) As used in the following provisions, “firearm” does not  
10 include an unloaded antique firearm:

- 11 (1) Subdivisions (a) and (c) of Section 16730.  
12 (2) Section 16550.  
13 (3) Section 16960.  
14 (4) Section 17310.  
15 (5) Sections 25250 to 25256, inclusive.  
16 (6) Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 26350) of Division 5  
17 of Title 4.  
18 (7) Sections 26500 to 26588, inclusive.  
19 (8) Sections 26700 to 26915, inclusive.  
20 (9) Section 27510.  
21 (10) Section 27530.  
22 (11) Section 27540.  
23 (12) Section 27545.  
24 (13) Sections 27555 to 27570, inclusive.  
25 (14) Sections 29010 to 29150, inclusive.  
26 (e) As used in Sections 34005 and 34010, “firearm” does not  
27 include a destructive device.  
28 (f) As used in Sections 17280 and 24680, “firearm” has the  
29 same meaning as in Section 922 of Title 18 of the United States  
30 Code.

31 (g) As used in Sections 29010 to 29150, inclusive, “firearm”  
32 includes the unfinished frame or receiver of a weapon that can be  
33 readily converted to the functional condition of a finished frame  
34 or receiver.

35 *SEC. 1.5. Section 16520 of the Penal Code is amended to read:*  
36 16520. (a) As used in this part, “firearm” means ~~any~~ a device,  
37 designed to be used as a weapon, from which is expelled through  
38 a barrel, a projectile by the force of ~~any~~ an explosion or other form  
39 of combustion.

(b) As used in the following provisions, “firearm” includes the frame or receiver of the weapon:

- (1) Section 16550.
- (2) Section 16730.
- (3) Section 16960.
- (4) Section 16990.
- (5) Section 17070.
- (6) Section 17310.
- (7) *Sections 25250 to 25256, inclusive.*
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- (8) Sections 26500 to 26588, inclusive.
- ~~(8)~~
- (9) Sections 26600 to 27140, inclusive.
- ~~(9)~~
- (10) Sections 27400 to 28000, inclusive.
- ~~(10)~~
- (11) Section 28100.
- ~~(11)~~
- (12) Sections 28400 to 28415, inclusive.
- ~~(12)~~
- (13) Sections 29010 to 29150, inclusive.
- ~~(13)~~
- (14) Sections 29610 to 29750, inclusive.
- ~~(14)~~
- (15) Sections 29800 to 29905, inclusive.
- ~~(15)~~
- (16) Sections 30150 to 30165, inclusive.
- ~~(16)~~
- (17) Section 31615.
- ~~(17)~~
- (18) Sections 31705 to 31830, inclusive.
- ~~(18)~~
- (19) Sections 34355 to 34370, inclusive.
- ~~(19)~~
- (20) Sections 8100, 8101, and 8103 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

(c) As used in the following provisions, “firearm” also includes ~~any~~ a rocket, rocket propelled projectile launcher, or similar device containing ~~any~~ an explosive or incendiary material, whether or

1 not the device is designed for emergency or distress signaling  
2 purposes:  
3 (1) Section 16750.  
4 (2) Subdivision (b) of Section 16840.  
5 (3) Section 25400.  
6 (4) Sections 25850 to 26025, inclusive.  
7 (5) Subdivisions (a), (b), and (c) of Section 26030.  
8 (6) Sections 26035 to 26055, inclusive.  
9 (d) As used in the following provisions, “firearm” does not  
10 include an unloaded antique firearm:  
11 (1) Subdivisions (a) and (c) of Section 16730.  
12 (2) Section 16550.  
13 (3) Section 16960.  
14 (4) Section 17310.  
15 (5) *Sections 25250 to 25256, inclusive.*  
16 ~~(5)~~  
17 (6) Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 26350) of Division 5  
18 of Title 4.  
19 (7) *Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 26400) of Division 5*  
20 *of Title 4.*  
21 ~~(6)~~  
22 (8) Sections 26500 to 26588, inclusive.  
23 ~~(7)~~  
24 (9) Sections 26700 to 26915, inclusive.  
25 ~~(8)~~  
26 (10) Section 27510.  
27 ~~(9)~~  
28 (11) Section 27530.  
29 ~~(10)~~  
30 (12) Section 27540.  
31 ~~(11)~~  
32 (13) Section 27545.  
33 ~~(12)~~  
34 (14) Sections 27555 to 27570, inclusive.  
35 ~~(13)~~  
36 (15) Sections 29010 to 29150, inclusive.  
37 (e) As used in Sections 34005 and 34010, “firearm” does not  
38 include a destructive device.

1 (f) As used in Sections 17280 and 24680, “firearm” has the  
2 same meaning as in Section 922 of Title 18 of the United States  
3 Code.

4 (g) As used in Sections 29010 to 29150, inclusive, “firearm”  
5 includes the unfinished frame or receiver of a weapon that can be  
6 readily converted to the functional condition of a finished frame  
7 or receiver.

8 SEC. 2. Division 4.5 (commencing with Section 25250) is  
9 added to Title 4 of Part 6 of the Penal Code, to read:

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11 DIVISION 4.5. LOST OR STOLEN FIREARMS  
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13 25250. (a) Commencing January 1, 2013, every person shall  
14 report the theft or loss of a firearm he or she owns or possesses to  
15 a local law enforcement agency in the jurisdiction in which the  
16 theft or loss occurred within 48 hours of the time he or she knew  
17 or reasonably should have known that the firearm had been stolen  
18 or lost.

19 (b) Every person who has reported a firearm lost or stolen under  
20 subdivision (a) shall notify the local law enforcement agency in  
21 the jurisdiction in which the theft or loss occurred within 48 hours  
22 if the firearm is subsequently recovered by the person.

23 25251. Section 25250 shall not apply to the following:

24 (a) Any law enforcement agency or peace officer acting within  
25 the course and scope of his or her employment or official duties  
26 if he or she reports the loss or theft to his or her employing agency.

27 (b) Any United States Marshal or member of the Armed Forces  
28 of the United States or the National Guard, while engaged in his  
29 or her official duties.

30 (c) Any person who is licensed, pursuant to Chapter 44  
31 (commencing with Section 921) of Title 18 of the United States  
32 Code and the regulations issued pursuant thereto, and who reports  
33 the theft or loss in accordance with Section 923(g)(6) of Title 18  
34 of the United States Code, or the successor provision thereto, and  
35 applicable regulations issued thereto.

36 (d) Any person whose firearm was lost or stolen prior to January  
37 1, 2013.

38 25252. Pursuant to Section 11108, every sheriff or police chief  
39 shall submit a description of each firearm which has been reported

1 lost or stolen directly into the Department of Justice automated  
2 property system for firearms.

3 25253. (a) Every person who violates Section 25250 is, for a  
4 first violation, guilty of an infraction punishable by a fine not to  
5 exceed one hundred dollars (\$100).

6 (b) Every person who violates Section 25250 is, for a second  
7 violation, guilty of an infraction, punishable by a fine not exceeding  
8 one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

9 (c) Every person who violates Section 25250 is, for a third or  
10 subsequent violation, guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by  
11 imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding six months, or by a  
12 fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by both that  
13 fine and imprisonment.

14 25255. Every person reporting a lost or stolen firearm pursuant  
15 to Section 25250 shall report the make, model, and serial number  
16 of the firearm, if known by the person.

17 25256. Commencing January 1, 2013, no person shall report  
18 to a local law enforcement agency that a firearm has been lost or  
19 stolen, knowing the report to be false. A violation of this section  
20 shall be a misdemeanor.

21 SEC. 3. Section 26835 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

22 26835. A licensee shall post conspicuously within the licensed  
23 premises the following warnings in block letters not less than one  
24 inch in height:

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26 (a) "IF YOU KEEP A LOADED FIREARM WITHIN ANY  
27 PREMISES UNDER YOUR CUSTODY OR CONTROL, AND  
28 A PERSON UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE OBTAINS IT AND  
29 USES IT, RESULTING IN INJURY OR DEATH, OR CARRIES  
30 IT TO A PUBLIC PLACE, YOU MAY BE GUILTY OF A  
31 MISDEMEANOR OR A FELONY UNLESS YOU STORED  
32 THE FIREARM IN A LOCKED CONTAINER OR LOCKED  
33 THE FIREARM WITH A LOCKING DEVICE, TO KEEP IT  
34 FROM TEMPORARILY FUNCTIONING."

35 (b) "IF YOU KEEP A PISTOL, REVOLVER, OR OTHER  
36 FIREARM CAPABLE OF BEING CONCEALED UPON THE  
37 PERSON, WITHIN ANY PREMISES UNDER YOUR CUSTODY  
38 OR CONTROL, AND A PERSON UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE  
39 GAINS ACCESS TO THE FIREARM, AND CARRIES IT  
40 OFF-PREMISES, YOU MAY BE GUILTY OF A

1 MISDEMEANOR, UNLESS YOU STORED THE FIREARM IN  
2 A LOCKED CONTAINER, OR LOCKED THE FIREARM WITH  
3 A LOCKING DEVICE, TO KEEP IT FROM TEMPORARILY  
4 FUNCTIONING.”

5 (c) “IF YOU KEEP ANY FIREARM WITHIN ANY  
6 PREMISES UNDER YOUR CUSTODY OR CONTROL, AND  
7 A PERSON UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE GAINS ACCESS TO  
8 THE FIREARM, AND CARRIES IT OFF-PREMISES TO A  
9 SCHOOL OR SCHOOL-SPONSORED EVENT, YOU MAY BE  
10 GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR, INCLUDING A FINE OF UP  
11 TO FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000), UNLESS YOU  
12 STORED THE FIREARM IN A LOCKED CONTAINER, OR  
13 LOCKED THE FIREARM WITH A LOCKING DEVICE.”

14 (d) “DISCHARGING FIREARMS IN POORLY VENTILATED  
15 AREAS, CLEANING FIREARMS, OR HANDLING  
16 AMMUNITION MAY RESULT IN EXPOSURE TO LEAD, A  
17 SUBSTANCE KNOWN TO CAUSE BIRTH DEFECTS,  
18 REPRODUCTIVE HARM, AND OTHER SERIOUS PHYSICAL  
19 INJURY. HAVE ADEQUATE VENTILATION AT ALL TIMES.  
20 WASH HANDS THOROUGHLY AFTER EXPOSURE.”

21 (e) “FEDERAL REGULATIONS PROVIDE THAT IF YOU  
22 DO NOT TAKE PHYSICAL POSSESSION OF THE FIREARM  
23 THAT YOU ARE ACQUIRING OWNERSHIP OF WITHIN 30  
24 DAYS AFTER YOU COMPLETE THE INITIAL  
25 BACKGROUND CHECK PAPERWORK, THEN YOU HAVE  
26 TO GO THROUGH THE BACKGROUND CHECK PROCESS  
27 A SECOND TIME IN ORDER TO TAKE PHYSICAL  
28 POSSESSION OF THAT FIREARM.”

29 (f) “NO PERSON SHALL MAKE AN APPLICATION TO  
30 PURCHASE MORE THAN ONE PISTOL, REVOLVER, OR  
31 OTHER FIREARM CAPABLE OF BEING CONCEALED UPON  
32 THE PERSON WITHIN ANY 30-DAY PERIOD AND NO  
33 DELIVERY SHALL BE MADE TO ANY PERSON WHO HAS  
34 MADE AN APPLICATION TO PURCHASE MORE THAN ONE  
35 PISTOL, REVOLVER, OR OTHER FIREARM CAPABLE OF  
36 BEING CONCEALED UPON THE PERSON WITHIN ANY  
37 30-DAY PERIOD.”

38 (g) “IF A FIREARM YOU OWN OR POSSESS IS LOST OR  
39 STOLEN, YOU MUST REPORT THE LOSS OR THEFT TO A  
40 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY WHERE THE LOSS

1 OR THEFT OCCURRED WITHIN 48 HOURS OF THE TIME  
2 YOU KNEW OR REASONABLY SHOULD HAVE KNOWN  
3 THAT THE FIREARM HAD BEEN LOST OR STOLEN.”

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5 SEC. 4. Section 27535 of the Penal Code is amended to read:  
6 27535. (a) No person shall make an application to purchase  
7 more than one handgun within any 30-day period.

8 (b) Subdivision (a) shall not apply to any of the following:

9 (1) Any law enforcement agency.

10 (2) Any agency duly authorized to perform law enforcement  
11 duties.

12 (3) Any state or local correctional facility.

13 (4) Any private security company licensed to do business in  
14 California.

15 (5) Any person who is properly identified as a full-time paid  
16 peace officer, as defined in Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section  
17 830) of Title 3 of Part 2, and who is authorized to, and does carry  
18 a firearm during the course and scope of employment as a peace  
19 officer.

20 (6) Any motion picture, television, or video production company  
21 or entertainment or theatrical company whose production by its  
22 nature involves the use of a firearm.

23 (7) Any person who may, pursuant to Article 2 (commencing  
24 with Section 27600), Article 3 (commencing with Section 27650),  
25 or Article 4 (commencing with Section 27700), claim an exemption  
26 from the waiting period set forth in Section 27540.

27 (8) Any transaction conducted through a licensed firearms dealer  
28 pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 28050).

29 (9) Any person who is licensed as a collector pursuant to Chapter  
30 44 (commencing with Section 921) of Title 18 of the United States  
31 Code and the regulations issued pursuant thereto, and has a current  
32 certificate of eligibility issued by the Department of Justice  
33 pursuant to Article 1 (commencing with Section 26700) of Chapter  
34 2.

35 (10) The exchange of a handgun where the dealer purchased  
36 that firearm from the person seeking the exchange within the  
37 30-day period immediately preceding the date of exchange or  
38 replacement.

39 (11) The replacement of a handgun when the person’s handgun  
40 was lost or stolen, and the person reported that firearm lost or

1 stolen pursuant to Section 25250 prior to the completion of the  
2 application to purchase the replacement handgun.

3 (12) The return of any handgun to its owner.

4 (13) A community college that is certified by the Commission  
5 on Peace Officer Standards and Training to present the law  
6 enforcement academy basic course or other commission-certified  
7 law enforcement training.

8 *SEC. 5. Section 1.5 of this bill incorporates amendments to*  
9 *Section 16520 of the Penal Code proposed by both this bill and*  
10 *Assembly Bill 1527. It shall only become operative if (1) both bills*  
11 *are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2012,*  
12 *(2) each bill amends Section 16520 of the Penal Code, and (3) this*  
13 *bill is enacted after Assembly Bill 1527, in which case Section 1*  
14 *of this bill shall not become operative.*

15 ~~SEC. 5.~~

16 *SEC. 6.* No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to  
17 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution for certain  
18 costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district  
19 because, in that regard, this act creates a new crime or infraction,  
20 eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime  
21 or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the  
22 Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the  
23 meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California  
24 Constitution.

25 However, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that  
26 this act contains other costs mandated by the state, reimbursement  
27 to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made  
28 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division  
29 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.