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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 169

Introduced by Assembly Member Dickinson

January 24, 2013

An act to amend Sections 32000, 32100, and 32110 of the Penal Code, relating to unsafe handguns.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 169, as amended, Dickinson. Unsafe handguns.

(1) Existing law provides for the testing of handguns and requires the Department of Justice to maintain a roster listing all handguns that are determined not to be unsafe handguns. Existing law makes it a crime, punishable by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding one year, to manufacture, import into the state for sale, keep for sale, offer or expose for sale, give, or lend an unsafe handgun. Existing law provides that the provisions defining and governing unsafe handguns do not apply to the sale, loan, or transfer of any firearm in a transaction that requires the use of a licensed dealer or to the delivery of a firearm to a licensed dealer for purposes of a consignment sale or as collateral for a pawnbroker loan.

This bill would limit these exemptions to a maximum of 2 firearms per person, per calendar year, and would make the provisions defining and governing unsafe handguns inapplicable to the surrender of any pistol, revolver, or other firearm capable of being concealed upon the person to a local law enforcement agency. By expanding the definition of a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(2) Existing law makes the provisions defining and governing unsafe handguns inapplicable to a single-shot pistol, as specified.

This bill would instead make the provisions defining and governing unsafe handguns inapplicable to a single-shot pistol with a break top or bolt action. The bill would make this exemption inapplicable to a semiautomatic pistol that has been temporarily or permanently altered so that it will not fire in a semiautomatic mode. By expanding the definition of a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(3) Existing law exempts the purchase of a handgun from the above prohibition on manufacturing, importing, selling, giving, or lending an unsafe handgun if the handgun is sold to, or purchased by, the Department of Justice, a police department, a sheriff's official, a marshal's office, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, the California Highway Patrol, ~~any~~ a district attorney's office, or the military or naval forces of this state or of the United States for use in the discharge of their official duties.

This bill would prohibit a person exempted under the above provision from selling or otherwise transferring the ownership of the handgun to a person who is not exempted under the same provision unless the transaction is exempt from the requirement to complete the transaction through a licensed dealer. By expanding the definition of a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(4) The bill would also make nonsubstantive, technical corrections.

(5) *This bill would incorporate additional changes to Section 32000 of the Penal Code proposed by SB 363 that would become operative if this bill and SB 363 are both enacted and this bill is enacted last.*

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(6) 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 32000 of the Penal Code is amended to
2 read:

3 32000. (a) Commencing January 1, 2001, any person in this
4 state who manufactures or causes to be manufactured, imports into
5 the state for sale, keeps for sale, offers or exposes for sale, gives,
6 or lends any unsafe handgun shall be punished by imprisonment
7 in a county jail not exceeding one year.

8 (b) This section shall not apply to any of the following:

9 (1) The manufacture in this state, or importation into this state,
10 of a prototype handgun when the manufacture or importation is
11 for the sole purpose of allowing an independent laboratory certified
12 by the Department of Justice pursuant to Section 32010 to conduct
13 an independent test to determine whether that handgun is prohibited
14 by Sections 31900 to 32110, inclusive, and, if not, allowing the
15 department to add the firearm to the roster of handguns that may
16 be sold in this state pursuant to Section 32015.

17 (2) The importation or lending of a handgun by employees or
18 authorized agents of entities determining whether the weapon is
19 prohibited by this section.

20 (3) Firearms listed as curios or relics, as defined in Section
21 478.11 of Title 27 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

22 (4) The sale or purchase of a handgun, if the handgun is sold
23 to, or purchased by, the Department of Justice, a police department,
24 a sheriff's official, a marshal's office, the Department of
25 Corrections and Rehabilitation, the California Highway Patrol,
26 ~~any~~a district attorney's office, or the military or naval forces of
27 this state or of the United States for use in the discharge of their
28 official duties. This section does not prohibit the sale to, or
29 purchase by, sworn members of these agencies of a handgun. A
30 person who, under this paragraph, acquires a handgun that is not
31 on the roster required by Section ~~32015~~, 32015 shall not sell or
32 otherwise transfer ownership of the handgun to a person who is
33 not exempted under this paragraph.

34 (c) Violations of subdivision (a) are cumulative with respect to
35 each handgun and shall not be construed as restricting the

1 application of any other law. However, an act or omission
 2 punishable in different ways by this section and other provisions
 3 of law shall not be punished under more than one provision, but
 4 the penalty to be imposed shall be determined as set forth in Section
 5 654.

6 *SEC. 1.5. Section 32000 of the Penal Code is amended to read:*

7 32000. (a) Commencing January 1, 2001, any person in this
 8 state who manufactures or causes to be manufactured, imports into
 9 the state for sale, keeps for sale, offers or exposes for sale, gives,
 10 or lends any unsafe handgun shall be punished by imprisonment
 11 in a county jail not exceeding one year.

12 (b) This section shall not apply to any of the following:

13 (1) The manufacture in this state, or importation into this state,
 14 ~~of any prototype pistol, revolver, or other firearm capable of being~~
 15 ~~concealed upon the person a prototype handgun~~ when the
 16 manufacture or importation is for the sole purpose of allowing an
 17 independent laboratory certified by the Department of Justice
 18 pursuant to Section 32010 to conduct an independent test to
 19 determine whether that ~~pistol, revolver, or other firearm capable~~
 20 ~~of being concealed upon the person handgun~~ is prohibited by
 21 Sections 31900 to 32110, inclusive, and, if not, allowing the
 22 department to add the firearm to the roster of ~~pistols, revolvers,~~
 23 ~~and other firearms capable of being concealed upon the person~~
 24 ~~handguns~~ that may be sold in this state pursuant to Section 32015.

25 (2) The importation or lending of a ~~pistol, revolver, or other~~
 26 ~~firearm capable of being concealed upon the person handgun~~ by
 27 employees or authorized agents of entities determining whether
 28 the weapon is prohibited by this section.

29 (3) Firearms listed as curios or relics, as defined in Section
 30 478.11 of Title 27 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

31 (4) The sale or purchase of ~~any pistol, revolver, or other firearm~~
 32 ~~capable of being concealed upon the person, if the pistol, revolver,~~
 33 ~~or other firearm a handgun, if the handgun~~ is sold to, or purchased
 34 by, the Department of Justice, ~~any a~~ police department, ~~any a~~
 35 sheriff's official, ~~any a~~ marshal's office, ~~the Youth and Adult~~
 36 ~~Correctional Agency, the Department of Corrections and~~
 37 ~~Rehabilitation,~~ the California Highway Patrol, ~~any a~~ district
 38 attorney's office, ~~a federal law enforcement agency,~~ or the military
 39 or naval forces of this state or of the United States for use in the
 40 discharge of their official duties. ~~Nor shall anything in this section~~

1 *This section does not prohibit the sale to, or purchase by, sworn*
2 *members of these agencies of ~~any pistol, revolver, or other firearm~~*
3 *~~capable of being concealed upon the person.~~ a handgun. A person*
4 *who, under this paragraph, acquires a handgun that is not on the*
5 *roster required by Section 32015 shall not sell or otherwise transfer*
6 *ownership of the handgun to a person who is not exempted under*
7 *this paragraph.*

8 (c) Violations of subdivision (a) are cumulative with respect to
9 each handgun and shall not be construed as restricting the
10 application of any other law. However, an act or omission
11 punishable in different ways by this section and other provisions
12 of law shall not be punished under more than one provision, but
13 the penalty to be imposed shall be determined as set forth in Section
14 654.

15 SEC. 2. Section 32100 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

16 32100. (a) Article 4 (commencing with Section 31900) and
17 Article 5 (commencing with Section 32000) shall not apply to a
18 single-action revolver that has at least a five-cartridge capacity
19 with a barrel length of not less than three inches, and meets any
20 of the following specifications:

21 (1) Was originally manufactured prior to 1900 and is a curio or
22 relic, as defined in Section 478.11 of Title 27 of the Code of
23 Federal Regulations.

24 (2) Has an overall length measured parallel to the barrel of at
25 least seven and one-half inches when the handle, frame or receiver,
26 and barrel are assembled.

27 (3) Has an overall length measured parallel to the barrel of at
28 least seven and one-half inches when the handle, frame or receiver,
29 and barrel are assembled and that is currently approved for
30 importation into the United States pursuant to the provisions of
31 paragraph (3) of subsection (d) of Section 925 of Title 18 of the
32 United States Code.

33 (b) Article 4 (commencing with Section 31900) and Article 5
34 (commencing with Section 32000) shall not apply to a single-shot
35 pistol with a break top or bolt action and a barrel length of not less
36 than six inches and that has an overall length of at least 10½ inches
37 when the handle, frame or receiver, and barrel are assembled.
38 However, Article 4 (commencing with Section 31900) and Article
39 5 (commencing with Section 32000) shall apply to a semiautomatic

1 pistol that has been temporarily or permanently altered so that it
2 will not fire in a semiautomatic mode.

3 SEC. 3. Section 32110 of the Penal Code is amended to read:
4 32110. Article 4 (commencing with Section 31900) and Article
5 5 (commencing with Section 32000) shall not apply to any of the
6 following:

7 (a) (1) The sale, loan, or transfer of any firearm pursuant to
8 Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 28050) of Division 6 in order
9 to comply with Section 27545 if the sale, loan, or transfer satisfies
10 the requirements specified in paragraph (2).

11 (2) The sale, loan, or transfer of any firearm pursuant to this
12 subdivision is limited to a total of two firearms per person, per
13 calendar year.

14 (b) The sale, loan, or transfer of any firearm that is exempt from
15 the provisions of Section 27545 pursuant to any applicable
16 exemption contained in Article 2 (commencing with Section 27600)
17 or Article 6 (commencing with Section 27850) of Chapter 4 of
18 Division 6, if the sale, loan, or transfer complies with the
19 requirements of that applicable exemption to Section 27545.

20 (c) The sale, loan, or transfer of any firearm as described in
21 paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 32000.

22 (d) The delivery of a pistol, revolver, or other firearm capable
23 of being concealed upon the person to a person licensed pursuant
24 to Sections 26700 to 26915, inclusive, for the purposes of the
25 service or repair of that firearm.

26 (e) The return of a pistol, revolver, or other firearm capable of
27 being concealed upon the person by a person licensed pursuant to
28 Sections 26700 to 26915, inclusive, to its owner where that firearm
29 was initially delivered in the circumstances set forth in subdivision
30 (a), (d), (f), or (i).

31 (f) (1) The delivery of a pistol, revolver, or other firearm
32 capable of being concealed upon the person to a person licensed
33 pursuant to Sections 26700 to 26915, inclusive, for the purpose of
34 a consignment sale or as collateral for a pawnbroker loan if the
35 delivery of the pistol, revolver, or other firearm capable of being
36 concealed upon the person satisfies the requirements of paragraph
37 (2).

38 (2) The delivery of a pistol, revolver, or other firearm capable
39 of being concealed upon a person to a person licensed pursuant to
40 Sections 26700 to 26915, inclusive, for the purpose of a

1 consignment sale or as collateral for a pawnbroker loan, pursuant
2 to this subdivision, is limited to a total of two firearms per person,
3 per calendar year.

4 (g) The sale, loan, or transfer of any pistol, revolver, or other
5 firearm capable of being concealed upon the person listed as a
6 curio or relic, as defined in Section 478.11 of Title 27 of the Code
7 of Federal Regulations.

8 (h) The sale, loan, or transfer of any semiautomatic pistol that
9 is to be used solely as a prop during the course of a motion picture,
10 television, or video production by an authorized participant therein
11 in the course of making that production or event or by an authorized
12 employee or agent of the entity producing that production or event.

13 (i) The delivery of a pistol, revolver, or other firearm capable
14 of being concealed upon the person to a person licensed pursuant
15 to Sections 26700 to 26915, inclusive, where the firearm is being
16 loaned by the licensee to a consultant-evaluator.

17 (j) The delivery of a pistol, revolver, or other firearm capable
18 of being concealed upon the person by a person licensed pursuant
19 to Sections 26700 to 26915, inclusive, where the firearm is being
20 loaned by the licensee to a consultant-evaluator.

21 (k) The return of a pistol, revolver, or other firearm capable of
22 being concealed upon the person to a person licensed pursuant to
23 Sections 26700 to 26915, inclusive, where it was initially delivered
24 pursuant to subdivision (j).

25 (l) The surrender of any pistol, revolver, or other firearm capable
26 of being concealed upon the person to a local law enforcement
27 agency.

28 *SEC. 4. Section 1.5 of this bill incorporates amendments to*
29 *Section 32000 of the Penal Code proposed by both this bill and*
30 *Senate Bill 363. It shall only become operative if (1) both bills are*
31 *enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2014, (2)*
32 *each bill amends Section 32000 of the Penal Code, and (3) this*
33 *bill is enacted after Senate Bill 363, in which case Section 1 of this*
34 *bill shall not become operative.*

35 ~~SEC. 4.~~

36 *SEC. 5.* No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
37 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
38 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school
39 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or
40 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty

1 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of
2 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within
3 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California
4 Constitution.

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