

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1020

Introduced by Assembly Member Bonta

February 22, 2013

An act to add Section 29310 to the Penal Code, relating to firearms.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1020, as introduced, Bonta. Firearms: letter to purchasers.

Existing law prohibits a firearm from being delivered within 10 days of the application to purchase, or, after notice by the Department of Justice, within 10 days of the submission to the department of any correction to the application, or within 10 days of the submission to the department of a required fee, whichever is later.

This bill would require the Attorney General to send a letter during the 10-day waiting period to each individual who has applied to purchase a firearm informing him or her of firearms laws relating to gun trafficking and safe storage, as provided.

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 29310 is added to the Penal Code, to
2 read:
3 29310. During the 10-day waiting period following an
4 application to purchase a firearm required pursuant to Sections
5 27540 and 26815, the Attorney General shall send a letter to each
6 individual who has applied to purchase a firearm, informing him

1 or her of firearms laws relating to gun trafficking and safe storage,
2 including the following:

3 (a) That California law requires that all firearms transfers be
4 conducted through licensed dealers as provided in Section 27545.

5 (b) That California law prohibits any person, corporation, or
6 dealer from selling, loaning, or transferring a firearm to anyone
7 who is not the actual purchaser or transferee of the firearm as
8 provided in Section 27515.

9 (c) That storage of a firearm where children are likely to gain
10 access is a criminal offense as provided in Sections 25100 and
11 25110 if the child obtains access and thereby causes death or injury.