

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 10, 2013

SENATE BILL

No. 299

Introduced by Senator DeSaulnier

February 15, 2013

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 299, 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. *The bill would not preclude or preempt a local ordinance that imposes additional penalties or requirements in regard to reporting the theft or loss of a firearm.*

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) 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 25275, 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
32 containing any explosive or incendiary material, whether or not
33 the device is designed for emergency or distress signaling purposes:

- 34 (1) Section 16750.
- 35 (2) Subdivision (b) of Section 16840.
- 36 (3) Section 25400.
- 37 (4) Sections 25850 to 26025, inclusive.
- 38 (5) Subdivisions (a), (b), and (c) of Section 26030.

- 1 (6) Sections 26035 to 26055, inclusive.
- 2 (d) As used in the following provisions, “firearm” does not
- 3 include an unloaded antique firearm:
- 4 (1) Subdivisions (a) and (c) of Section 16730.
- 5 (2) Section 16550.
- 6 (3) Section 16960.
- 7 (4) Section 17310.
- 8 (5) Division 4.5 (commencing with Section 25250) of Title 4.
- 9 (6) Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 26350) of Division 5
- 10 of Title 4.
- 11 (7) Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 26400) of Division 5
- 12 of Title 4.
- 13 (8) Sections 26500 to 26588, inclusive.
- 14 (9) Sections 26700 to 26915, inclusive.
- 15 (10) Section 27510.
- 16 (11) Section 27530.
- 17 (12) Section 27540.
- 18 (13) Section 27545.
- 19 (14) Sections 27555 to 27570, inclusive.
- 20 (15) Sections 29010 to 29150, inclusive.
- 21 (e) As used in Sections 34005 and 34010, “firearm” does not
- 22 include a destructive device.
- 23 (f) As used in Sections 17280 and 24680, “firearm” has the
- 24 same meaning as in Section 922 of Title 18 of the United States
- 25 Code.
- 26 (g) As used in Sections 29010 to 29150, inclusive, “firearm”
- 27 includes the unfinished frame or receiver of a weapon that can be
- 28 readily converted to the functional condition of a finished frame
- 29 or receiver.
- 30 SEC. 2. Division 4.5 (commencing with Section 25250) is
- 31 added to Title 4 of Part 6 of the Penal Code, to read:

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 33 **DIVISION 4.5. LOST OR STOLEN FIREARMS**

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 35 25250. (a) Commencing January 1, 2014, every person shall

36 report the theft or loss of a firearm he or she owns or possesses to

37 a local law enforcement agency in the jurisdiction in which the

38 theft or loss occurred within 48 hours of the time he or she knew

39 or reasonably should have known that the firearm had been stolen

40 or lost.

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

5 25255. Section 25250 shall not apply to the following:

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

9 (b) Any United States marshal or member of the Armed Forces
10 of the United States or the National Guard, while engaged in his
11 or her official duties.

12 (c) Any person who is licensed, pursuant to Chapter 44
13 (commencing with Section 921) of Title 18 of the United States
14 Code and the regulations issued pursuant thereto, and who reports
15 the theft or loss in accordance with Section 923(g)(6) of Title 18
16 of the United States Code, or the successor provision thereto, and
17 applicable regulations issued thereto.

18 (d) Any person whose firearm was lost or stolen prior to January
19 1, 2014.

20 25260. Pursuant to Section 11108, every sheriff or police chief
21 shall submit a description of each firearm which has been reported
22 lost or stolen directly into the Department of Justice automated
23 property system for firearms.

24 25265. (a) Every person who violates Section 25250 is, for a
25 first violation, guilty of an infraction punishable by a fine not to
26 exceed one hundred dollars (\$100).

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

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

35 25270. Every person reporting a lost or stolen firearm pursuant
36 to Section 25250 shall report the make, model, and serial number
37 of the firearm, if known by the person.

38 25275. Commencing January 1, 2014, no person shall report
39 to a local law enforcement agency that a firearm has been lost or

1 stolen, knowing the report to be false. A violation of this section
2 is a misdemeanor.

3 25280. *This division does not preclude or preempt a local*
4 *ordinance that imposes additional penalties or requirements in*
5 *regard to reporting the theft or loss of a firearm.*

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

7 26835. A licensee shall post conspicuously within the licensed
8 premises the following warnings in block letters not less than one
9 inch in height:

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11 (a) "IF YOU KEEP A LOADED FIREARM WITHIN ANY
12 PREMISES UNDER YOUR CUSTODY OR CONTROL, AND
13 A PERSON UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE OBTAINS IT AND
14 USES IT, RESULTING IN INJURY OR DEATH, OR CARRIES
15 IT TO A PUBLIC PLACE, YOU MAY BE GUILTY OF A
16 MISDEMEANOR OR A FELONY UNLESS YOU STORED
17 THE FIREARM IN A LOCKED CONTAINER OR LOCKED
18 THE FIREARM WITH A LOCKING DEVICE, TO KEEP IT
19 FROM TEMPORARILY FUNCTIONING."

20 (b) "IF YOU KEEP A PISTOL, REVOLVER, OR OTHER
21 FIREARM CAPABLE OF BEING CONCEALED UPON THE
22 PERSON, WITHIN ANY PREMISES UNDER YOUR CUSTODY
23 OR CONTROL, AND A PERSON UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE
24 GAINS ACCESS TO THE FIREARM, AND CARRIES IT
25 OFF-PREMISES, YOU MAY BE GUILTY OF A
26 MISDEMEANOR, UNLESS YOU STORED THE FIREARM IN
27 A LOCKED CONTAINER, OR LOCKED THE FIREARM WITH
28 A LOCKING DEVICE, TO KEEP IT FROM TEMPORARILY
29 FUNCTIONING."

30 (c) "IF YOU KEEP ANY FIREARM WITHIN ANY
31 PREMISES UNDER YOUR CUSTODY OR CONTROL, AND
32 A PERSON UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE GAINS ACCESS TO
33 THE FIREARM, AND CARRIES IT OFF-PREMISES TO A
34 SCHOOL OR SCHOOL-SPONSORED EVENT, YOU MAY BE
35 GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR, INCLUDING A FINE OF UP
36 TO FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000), UNLESS YOU
37 STORED THE FIREARM IN A LOCKED CONTAINER, OR
38 LOCKED THE FIREARM WITH A LOCKING DEVICE."

39 (d) "DISCHARGING FIREARMS IN POORLY VENTILATED
40 AREAS, CLEANING FIREARMS, OR HANDLING

1 AMMUNITION MAY RESULT IN EXPOSURE TO LEAD, A
2 SUBSTANCE KNOWN TO CAUSE BIRTH DEFECTS,
3 REPRODUCTIVE HARM, AND OTHER SERIOUS PHYSICAL
4 INJURY. HAVE ADEQUATE VENTILATION AT ALL TIMES.
5 WASH HANDS THOROUGHLY AFTER EXPOSURE.”

6 (e) “FEDERAL REGULATIONS PROVIDE THAT IF YOU
7 DO NOT TAKE PHYSICAL POSSESSION OF THE FIREARM
8 THAT YOU ARE ACQUIRING OWNERSHIP OF WITHIN 30
9 DAYS AFTER YOU COMPLETE THE INITIAL
10 BACKGROUND CHECK PAPERWORK, THEN YOU HAVE
11 TO GO THROUGH THE BACKGROUND CHECK PROCESS
12 A SECOND TIME IN ORDER TO TAKE PHYSICAL
13 POSSESSION OF THAT FIREARM.”

14 (f) “NO PERSON SHALL MAKE AN APPLICATION TO
15 PURCHASE MORE THAN ONE PISTOL, REVOLVER, OR
16 OTHER FIREARM CAPABLE OF BEING CONCEALED UPON
17 THE PERSON WITHIN ANY 30-DAY PERIOD AND NO
18 DELIVERY SHALL BE MADE TO ANY PERSON WHO HAS
19 MADE AN APPLICATION TO PURCHASE MORE THAN ONE
20 PISTOL, REVOLVER, OR OTHER FIREARM CAPABLE OF
21 BEING CONCEALED UPON THE PERSON WITHIN ANY
22 30-DAY PERIOD.”

23 (g) “IF A FIREARM YOU OWN OR POSSESS IS LOST OR
24 STOLEN, YOU MUST REPORT THE LOSS OR THEFT TO A
25 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY WHERE THE LOSS
26 OR THEFT OCCURRED WITHIN 48 HOURS OF THE TIME
27 YOU KNEW OR REASONABLY SHOULD HAVE KNOWN
28 THAT THE FIREARM HAD BEEN LOST OR STOLEN.”

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30 SEC. 4. Section 27535 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

31 27535. (a) No person shall make an application to purchase
32 more than one handgun within any 30-day period.

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

- 34 (1) Any law enforcement agency.
35 (2) Any agency duly authorized to perform law enforcement
36 duties.
37 (3) Any state or local correctional facility.
38 (4) Any private security company licensed to do business in
39 California.

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

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

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

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

15 (9) Any person who is licensed as a collector pursuant to Chapter
16 44 (commencing with Section 921) of Title 18 of the United States
17 Code and the regulations issued pursuant thereto, and has a current
18 certificate of eligibility issued by the Department of Justice
19 pursuant to Article 1 (commencing with Section 26700) of Chapter
20 2.

21 (10) The exchange of a handgun where the dealer purchased
22 that firearm from the person seeking the exchange within the
23 30-day period immediately preceding the date of exchange or
24 replacement.

25 (11) The replacement of a handgun when the person's handgun
26 was lost or stolen, and the person reported that firearm lost or
27 stolen pursuant to Section 25250 prior to the completion of the
28 application to purchase the replacement handgun.

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

30 (13) A community college that is certified by the Commission
31 on Peace Officer Standards and Training to present the law
32 enforcement academy basic course or other commission-certified
33 law enforcement training.

34 SEC. 5. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
35 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution for certain
36 costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district
37 because, in that regard, this act creates a new crime or infraction,
38 eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime
39 or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the
40 Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the

1 meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California
2 Constitution.

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

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