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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 396**

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**Introduced by Senators Hancock and Steinberg  
(Coauthor: Senator Jackson)**

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An act to amend Sections 16350, 16740, 32310, 32400, 32405, 32435, and 32450 of the Penal Code, relating to firearms.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 396, as amended, Hancock. Firearms: magazine capacity.

(1) Existing law, for purposes pertaining to the ammunition capacity of certain assault weapons, defines "capacity to accept more than 10 rounds" to mean capable of accommodating more than 10 rounds, but specifies that this term does not apply to a feeding device that has been permanently altered so that it cannot accommodate more than 10 rounds.

This bill would revise that definition to mean capable of holding more than 10 rounds, but not applying to a feeding device that has been permanently altered so that it cannot hold more than 10 rounds.

(2) Existing law prohibits the sale, gift, and loan of a large-capacity magazine. Existing law defines "large-capacity magazine" to mean any ammunition feeding device with the capacity to accept more than 10 rounds, but provides that the definition may not be construed to include a feeding device that has been permanently altered so that it cannot accommodate more than 10 rounds.

This bill would include within that definition of large-capacity magazine a feeding device that had a capacity of more than 10 rounds

but has been permanently modified to hold no more than 10 rounds of ammunition, and would exclude from that definition a magazine that is only of sufficient length to hold no more than 10 rounds of ammunition.

This bill, commencing July 1, 2014, would make it an ~~offense~~ *infraction punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100, or a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100, by imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed one year, or by both that fine and imprisonment*, for any person to possess any large-capacity magazine, regardless of the date the magazine was ~~acquired, punishable by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding one year.~~ *acquired*. The bill would authorize various methods by which a person in lawful possession of a large-capacity magazine may dispose of the magazine prior to the July 1, 2014, prohibition on possession.

(3) Existing law creates various exceptions to that crime, which include, but are not limited to, the sale of, giving of, lending of, importation into this state of, or purchase of, any large-capacity magazine to or by the holder of a special weapons permit for use as a prop for a motion picture, or any federal, state, county, city and county, or city agency that is charged with the enforcement of any law, for use by agency employees in the discharge of their official duties, whether on or off duty, and where the use is authorized by the agency and is within the course and scope of their duties.

This bill would make conforming changes by adding possession to those provisions.

*This bill would incorporate additional changes to Section 32310 of the Penal Code proposed by AB 48 that would become operative if this bill and AB 48 are both enacted and this bill is enacted last.*

By creating a new crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

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 16350 of the Penal Code is amended to  
2 read:

3 16350. As used in Section 30515, “capacity to accept more  
4 than 10 rounds” means capable of holding more than 10 rounds.  
5 The term does not apply to a feeding device that has been  
6 permanently altered so that it cannot hold more than 10 rounds.

7 SEC. 2. Section 16740 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

8 16740. (a) As used in this part, “large-capacity magazine”  
9 means any ammunition feeding device with the capacity to accept  
10 more than 10 rounds. As used in this part, “large-capacity  
11 magazine” also includes a feeding device that had a capacity of  
12 more than 10 rounds but has been permanently modified to hold  
13 no more than 10 rounds of ammunition.

14 (b) As used in this part, “large-capacity magazine” does not  
15 include any of the following:

16 (1) A magazine that is only of sufficient length to hold no more  
17 than 10 rounds of ammunition.

18 (2) A .22 caliber tube ammunition feeding device.

19 (3) A tubular magazine that is contained in a lever-action  
20 firearm.

21 SEC. 3. Section 32310 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

22 32310. (a) Except as provided in Article 2 (commencing with  
23 Section 32400) of this chapter and in Chapter 1 (commencing with  
24 Section 17700) of Division 2 of Title 2, any person in this state  
25 who manufactures or causes to be manufactured, imports into the  
26 state, keeps for sale, or offers or exposes for sale, or who gives,  
27 or lends, or, commencing July 1, 2014, ~~possess~~ *possesses* any  
28 large-capacity magazine, regardless of the date the magazine was  
29 acquired, is *guilty of an infraction punishable by a fine not to*  
30 *exceed one hundred dollars (\$100), or is guilty of a misdemeanor*  
31 *punishable by a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100), by*  
32 *imprisonment in a the county jail not exceeding to exceed one year*  
33 *year, or imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170.*  
34 *by both that fine and imprisonment.*

35 (b) Any person who, prior to July 1, 2014, legally possesses a  
36 large-capacity magazine shall dispose of that magazine by any of  
37 the following means:

38 (1) Remove the large-capacity magazine from the state.

1 (2) Prior to July 1, 2014, sell the large-capacity magazine to a  
2 licensed firearms dealer.

3 (3) Destroy the large-capacity magazine.

4 (4) Surrender the large-capacity magazine to a law enforcement  
5 agency for destruction.

6 *SEC. 3.5. Section 32310 of the Penal Code is amended to read:*

7 32310. (a) Except as provided in Article 2 (commencing with  
8 Section 32400) of this chapter and in Chapter 1 (commencing with  
9 Section 17700) of Division 2 of Title 2, ~~commencing January 1,~~  
10 ~~2000~~, any person in this state who manufactures or causes to be  
11 manufactured, imports into the state, keeps for sale, or offers or  
12 exposes for sale, or who gives, ~~or~~ lends, *buys, receives, or,*  
13 *commencing July 1, 2014, possesses* any large-capacity magazine,  
14 *regardless of the date the magazine was acquired, is guilty of an*  
15 *infraction punishable by a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars*  
16 *(\$100), or is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to*  
17 *exceed one hundred dollars (\$100), by imprisonment in a the*  
18 *county jail not exceeding to exceed one year year, or imprisonment*  
19 ~~pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170.~~ *by both that fine and*  
20 *imprisonment.*

21 (b) Any person who, prior to July 1, 2014, legally possesses a  
22 large-capacity magazine shall dispose of that magazine by any of  
23 the following means:

24 (1) Remove the large-capacity magazine from the state.

25 (2) Prior to July 1, 2014, sell the large-capacity magazine to a  
26 licensed firearms dealer.

27 (3) Destroy the large-capacity magazine.

28 (4) Surrender the large-capacity magazine to a law enforcement  
29 agency for destruction.

30 (c) For purposes of this section, “manufacturing” includes both  
31 fabricating a magazine and assembling a magazine from a  
32 combination of parts, including, but not limited to, the body, spring,  
33 follower, and floor plate or end plate, to be a fully functioning  
34 large-capacity magazine.

35 *SEC. 4. Section 32400 of the Penal Code is amended to read:*

36 32400. Section 32310 does not apply to the sale of, giving of,  
37 lending of, possession of, importation into this state of, or purchase  
38 of, any large-capacity magazine to or by any federal, state, county,  
39 city and county, or city agency that is charged with the enforcement  
40 of any law, for use by agency employees in the discharge of their

1 official duties, whether on or off duty, and where the use is  
2 authorized by the agency and is within the course and scope of  
3 their duties.

4 SEC. 5. Section 32405 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

5 32405. Section 32310 does not apply to the sale to, lending to,  
6 transfer to, purchase by, receipt of, possession of, or importation  
7 into this state of, a large-capacity magazine by a sworn peace  
8 officer, as defined in Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 830)  
9 of Title 3 of Part 2, who is authorized to carry a firearm in the  
10 course and scope of that officer's duties.

11 SEC. 6. Section 32435 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

12 32435. Section 32310 does not apply to any of the following:

13 (a) The sale of, giving of, lending of, possession of, importation  
14 into this state of, or purchase of, any large-capacity magazine, to  
15 or by any entity that operates an armored vehicle business pursuant  
16 to the laws of this state.

17 (b) The lending and possession of large-capacity magazines by  
18 an entity specified in subdivision (a) to its authorized employees,  
19 while in the course and scope of employment for purposes that  
20 pertain to the entity's armored vehicle business.

21 (c) The return of those large-capacity magazines to the entity  
22 specified in subdivision (a) by those employees specified in  
23 subdivision (b).

24 SEC. 7. Section 32450 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

25 32450. Section 32310 does not apply to the purchase or  
26 possession of a large-capacity magazine by the holder of a special  
27 weapons permit issued pursuant to Section 31000, 32650, or 33300,  
28 or pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section 18900) of  
29 Chapter 1 of Division 5 of Title 2, or pursuant to Article 4  
30 (commencing with Section 32700) of Chapter 6 of this division,  
31 for any of the following purposes:

32 (a) For use solely as a prop for a motion picture, television, or  
33 video production.

34 (b) For export pursuant to federal regulations.

35 (c) For resale to law enforcement agencies, government  
36 agencies, or the military, pursuant to applicable federal regulations.

37 SEC. 8. *Section 3.5 of this bill incorporates amendments to*  
38 *Section 32310 of the Penal Code proposed by both this bill and*  
39 *Assembly Bill 48. It shall only become operative if (1) both bills*  
40 *are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2014,*

1 (2) each bill amends Section 32310 of the Penal Code, and (3) this  
2 bill is enacted after Assembly Bill 48, in which case Section 3 of  
3 this bill shall not become operative.

4 ~~SEC. 8.~~

5 SEC. 9. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to  
6 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because  
7 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school  
8 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or  
9 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty  
10 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of  
11 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within  
12 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California  
13 Constitution.