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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 200**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Wright**

January 21, 1999

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An act to add Section 12071.4 to the Penal Code, relating to gun shows.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 200, as amended, R. Wright. Firearms: gun shows.

Existing law generally regulates the transfer or sale of firearms at gun shows.

This bill would, (1) require contracts between gun show producers and gun show vendors, (2) impose certain requirements upon vendors in connection with the sale and display of firearms and ammunition at a gun show, as specified, (3) prohibit, except for gun show vendors, peace officers and security personnel, any person at a gun show from simultaneously possessing ammunition and a firearm, (4) require the posting of specified notices in regard to enforcement of firearms sales, (5) ~~permit security personnel or peace officers at the gun show to inspect merchandise on~~

~~the show premises, and (6) provide that the lawful sale and display of firearms at gun shows at publicly owned facilities may not be prohibited~~ *require each vendor to provide specified information regarding persons working in the vendor's display area to be kept by the show producer, and (6) require all firearms brought onto the premises to be checked and tagged, as specified.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 12071.4 is added to the Penal  
2 Code, to read:

3 12071.4. (a) This act shall be known, and may be  
4 cited as, the Gun Show Enforcement *and Security* Act of  
5 2000.

6 (b) All gun show producers shall have contracts with  
7 all gun show vendors.

8 (c) All gun show vendors shall certify in writing to the  
9 gun show producers that they:

10 (1) Will not display, possess, or offer for sale any  
11 firearms, knives, or weapons which are prohibited to  
12 possess or sell.

13 (2) Acknowledge that they are responsible for  
14 knowing and complying with all applicable federal, state,  
15 or local laws dealing with the possession and transfer of  
16 firearms.

17 (3) Will not engage in activities that incite or  
18 encourage hate crimes.

19 (4) Will process all transfers of firearms through  
20 licensed firearms dealers as required by state law.

21 (5) Have verified as being unloaded all firearms in  
22 their possession at the show, and that the firearms are  
23 secured in a manner that prevents them from being  
24 operated except for brief periods when the mechanical  
25 condition of a firearm is being demonstrated to a  
26 prospective buyer.

27 (6) *Have complied with the requirements of*  
28 *subdivision (j).*



1 (d) All firearms transfers at a gun show shall be in  
2 accordance with applicable state and federal laws.

3 (e) Except for purposes of showing ammunition to a  
4 prospective buyer, ammunition may be displayed only in  
5 closed original factory boxes or other closed containers.

6 (f) No person at the show, other than security  
7 personnel or sworn peace officer, shall possess at the same  
8 time both a firearm and ammunition that is designed to  
9 be fired in the firearm. Vendors having those items at the  
10 show for sale or exhibition are exempt from this  
11 prohibition.

12 (g) The show producer shall require that signs be  
13 posted in a readily visible location at each public entrance  
14 to the show, containing, but not limited to, the following  
15 notices:

16 (1) All federal, state, and local firearms laws regarding  
17 firearms sales will be strictly enforced.

18 (2) All firearms carried onto the premises by members  
19 of the public will be checked, cleared of any ammunition,  
20 secured in a manner that prevents them from being  
21 operated, and an identification tag or sticker attached  
22 prior to being allowed admittance to the show.

23 (3) No member of the public under the age of 18 years  
24 will be admitted to the show unless accompanied by a  
25 parent or legal guardian.

26 (4) All firearms transfers between private parties at  
27 the show shall be conducted through a licensed dealer in  
28 accordance with applicable state and federal laws.

29 (h) The show producer shall work with the show  
30 facility and local law enforcement which has jurisdiction  
31 over the facility to coordinate security for the event.

32 ~~(i) Show security personnel and sworn peace officers~~  
33 ~~at a gun show shall have the authority to inspect all~~  
34 ~~merchandise possessed by vendors while on show~~  
35 ~~premises regardless of whether the merchandise is on~~  
36 ~~display.~~

37 ~~(j) The lawful sale or display of firearms at gun shows~~  
38 ~~held at publicly owned facilities shall not be prohibited.~~

39 ~~(k)~~



1 (i) No member of the public who is under the age of  
2 18 years shall be admitted to a gun show or event unless  
3 accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

4 (j) *Prior to the commencement of a gun show, each*  
5 *vendor shall provide to the show producer all of the*  
6 *following information relative to the vendor, the vendor's*  
7 *employees, or other persons, compensated or not, who*  
8 *will be working or otherwise providing services to the*  
9 *public at the vendor's display space if firearms*  
10 *manufactured after December 31, 1898 will be offered for*  
11 *sale:*

12 (1) *His or her complete name.*

13 (2) *His or her driver's license or state-issued*  
14 *identification card number.*

15 (3) *His or her date of birth.*

16 *The show producer shall keep the information at the*  
17 *show's on-site headquarters for the duration of the show,*  
18 *and shall make the information available upon request to*  
19 *any sworn peace officer for purposes of the officer's*  
20 *official law enforcement duties.*

21 (k) *Persons other than show security personnel, sworn*  
22 *peace officers, or vendors, who bring firearms onto the*  
23 *gun show premises shall sign in ink the tag or sticker that*  
24 *is attached to the firearm prior to being allowed*  
25 *admittance to the show, as provided for in subdivision (l).*

26 (l) *All firearms carried onto the premises by members*  
27 *of the public shall be checked, cleared of any*  
28 *ammunition, secured in a manner that prevents them*  
29 *from being operated, and an identification tag or sticker*  
30 *attached, prior to being allowed admittance to the show.*  
31 *The identification tag or sticker shall state that all*  
32 *firearms transfers between private parties at the show*  
33 *shall be conducted through a licensed dealer in*  
34 *accordance with applicable state and federal laws.*

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