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<p><i>Subject:</i> New and Amended Firearms/Weapons Laws</p>	<p><i>No.:</i> 2016-BOF-01</p>	<p>Bureau of Firearms (916) 227-7527</p>
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TO: All California Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Agencies, Centralized List of Firearms Dealers, Manufacturers, and Exempted Federal Firearms Licensees

This bulletin provides a brief summary of new and amended California firearms/weapons laws that took effect January 1, 2016, unless otherwise noted. You can access the full text of the bills at <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>.

AB 892 (Stats. 2015, ch. 203) – Purchase of State-Issued Handgun by the Spouse/Domestic Partner of a Peace Officer Killed in the Line of Duty

- Provides an exception to the Unsafe Handgun Act by allowing spouses of peace officers killed in the line of duty to purchase their spouse/domestic partner’s service weapon. (Pen. Code, § 32000.)

AB 950 (Stats. 2015, ch. 205) – Gun Violence Restraining Orders

- Allows a person who is subject to a gun violence restraining order to transfer his or her firearms or ammunition to a licensed firearms dealer for the duration of the prohibition. If the firearms or ammunition have been surrendered to a law enforcement agency, the bill would entitle the owner to have them transferred to a licensed firearms dealer. (Pen. Code, § 29830.)
- Extends to ammunition, current authority for a city or county to impose a charge relating to the seizure, impounding, storage, or release of a firearm. (Pen. Code, § 33880.)

AB 1134 (Stats. 2015, ch. 785) – Licenses to Carry Concealed Handguns

- Authorizes the sheriff of a county to enter into an agreement with the chief or other head of a municipal police department of a city for the chief or other head of a municipal police department to process all applications for licenses to carry a concealed handgun, renewals of those licenses, and amendments of those licenses, for that city’s residents. (Pen. Code, § 26150.)

SB 707 (Stats. 2015, ch. 766) – Gun-Free School Zones

- Recasts Gun-Free School Zone Act provisions relating to a person holding a valid license to carry a concealed firearm to allow that person to carry a firearm in an area that is within 1,000 feet of, but not on the grounds of, a public or private school providing instruction in kindergarten or grades 1 to 12, inclusive. (Pen. Code, § 626.9.)

- Creates an exemption from the Gun-Free School Zone Act for certain appointed peace officers authorized to carry a firearm by their appointing agency, and for certain retired reserve peace officers authorized to carry a concealed or loaded firearm. (Pen. Code, § 626.9.)
- Deletes the exemption that allows a person holding a valid license to carry a concealed firearm to bring or possess a firearm on the campus of a university or college. (Pen. Code, § 30310.)
- Deletes the exemption that allows a person to carry ammunition or reloaded ammunition onto school grounds if the person is licensed to carry a concealed firearm. (Pen. Code, § 30310.)
- Creates a new exemption authorizing a person to carry ammunition or reloaded ammunition onto school grounds if it is in a motor vehicle at all times and is within a locked container or within the locked trunk of the vehicle. (Pen. Code, § 30310.)

AB 1014 (Stats. 2014, ch. 872) – Gun Violence Restraining Orders

- Authorizes courts to issue gun violence restraining orders, ex parte gun violence restraining orders, and temporary emergency gun violence restraining orders if the subject of the petition poses a significant danger of personal injury to himself, herself, or another by having in his or her custody or control, owning, purchasing, possessing, or receiving a firearm and the order is necessary to prevent personal injury to himself, herself, or another, as specified. (Pen. Code, §§ 18100 - 18205.)
- Makes it a misdemeanor to own or possess a firearm or ammunition with the knowledge that he or she is prohibited from doing so by a gun violence restraining order. (Pen. Code, § 18205.)
- Makes it a misdemeanor to file a petition for a gun violence restraining order with the intent to harass or knowing the information in the petition to be false. (Pen. Code, § 18200.)

AB 2220 (Stats. 2014, ch. 423) – Private Patrol Operators

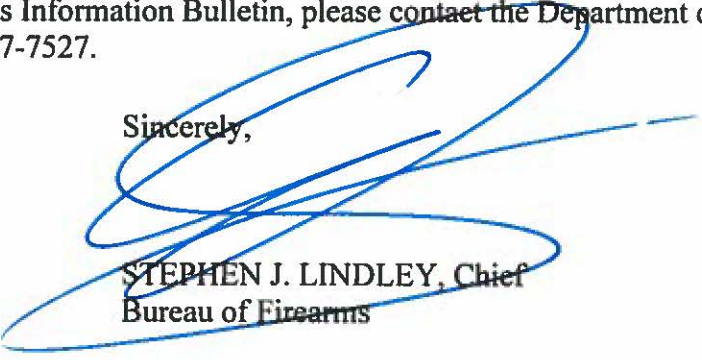
- Beginning July 1, 2016, establishes procedures allowing a Private Patrol Operator (PPO) business entity to be the registered owner of a firearm.
- Beginning July 1, 2016, allows a security guard to be assigned a firearm by the PPO and for a firearm custodian to be designated by the PPO. (Pen. Code, §§ 16970, 31000, 32650.)

SB 199 (Stats. 2014, ch. 915) – BB Devices and Imitation Firearms

- Amends the definitions of a “BB device” and an “imitation firearm.” (Pen. Code, §§ 16250, 16700.)

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