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<p><i>Subject:</i> New and Amended Firearms/Weapons Laws</p>	<p><i>No:</i> 2012-BOF-01</p>	<p><i>Contact for information:</i> <i>Bureau of Firearms</i> <i>(916) 227-7527</i></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 effective January 1, 2012, unless otherwise noted. You may contact the California State Capitol Legislative Bill Room at (916) 445-2323 to obtain copies of the bills (order by statute year and chapter number), or access the full text of the bills via the Internet at <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/>.

AB 144 (Stats. 2011, ch. 725) - Prohibits Open Carry of Unloaded Handguns in Public

- Generally prohibits people from openly carrying an unloaded handgun or having an exposed unloaded handgun in a motor vehicle in specified public areas. (Pen. Code, § 26350.)
- Prohibits any driver or owner of a motor vehicle from allowing a person to bring an open and exposed unloaded handgun into a motor vehicle in specified public areas. (Pen. Code, § 17512.)
- Provides exemption allowing authorized security guards and honorably retired peace officers to possess a firearm in a school zone. (Bus. and Prof. Code, § 626.92.)

AB 809 (Stats. 2011, ch. 745) - Requires Collection and Retention of Dealer's Record of Sale (DROS) for Long Gun Transactions

- Beginning January 1, 2014, requires DROS information regarding the sale or transfer of long guns (rifles and shotguns) to be collected, reported and retained in the same manner as handgun DROS information. (Pen. Code, §§ 11106, 26905.)

AB 1424 (Stats. 2011, ch. 455) - Prohibits State Agencies From Issuing Professional and Occupational Licenses to the State's Top 500 Tax Delinquents

- Requires the Department of Justice (DOJ) to suspend, revoke and refuse to issue a license, certificate, registration, or permit to engage in a profession or occupation if the applicant/holder is on either list of the 500 largest tax delinquencies provided by the State Board of Equalization and the Franchise Tax Board. (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 494.5.)

- Requires the DOJ to collect the social security number or federal taxpayer identification number of each applicant to assist in identifying tax delinquents as specified. (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 494.5.)
- Requires revision of all affected DOJ application forms (e.g. Centralized List of Firearms Dealers, Dangerous Weapon License/Permit) to include an advisory statement that the State Board of Equalization and the Franchise Tax Board are authorized to share taxpayer information with the DOJ and that the applicant/licensee's failure to meet their tax obligation will result in license denial or suspension. (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 494.5.)

SB 610 (Stats. 2011, ch. 741) - New CCW Applicant Notification Requirements

- Requires licensing authorities to provide applicants for a license to carry a concealed weapon (CCW) with written notification of their determination of whether the applicant has met the good cause requirement and provides that the applicant shall not be required to pay for any training courses prior to the good cause determination being made. (Pen. Code, § 26202.)
- Provides that upon denial of a CCW license, the written notice of denial shall indicate the requirement that was not met resulting in the denial. (Pen. Code, § 26205.)
- Clarifies that the application fee for a new license includes the costs of required notices and provides that no applicant can be required to obtain liability insurance as a condition of the license. (Pen. Code, § 26190.)

SB 819 (Stats. 2011, ch. 743) - Authorizes Use of DROS Funds for Enforcement Activities Related to Illegal Firearms Possession

- Authorizes the DOJ to use DROS fees to fund its firearms-related regulatory and enforcement activities concerning the possession, sale, purchase, loan and transfer of firearms. (Pen. Code, § 28225.)

SB 1080 (Stats. 2010, ch. 711) and SB 1115 (Stats. 2010, ch. 178) - Renumbers Penal Code

- Beginning January 1, 2012, Penal Code provisions regarding firearms and other deadly weapons are reorganized/renumbered without substantive change.

If you have any questions regarding this Information Bulletin, please contact the Department of Justice, Bureau of Firearms at (916) 227-7527.

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