


<p>California Department of Justice DIVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT Larry J. Wallace, Director</p> 	<p>INFORMATION BULLETIN</p>	
<p><i>Subject:</i> New and Amended Firearms/Weapons Laws</p>	<p><i>No:</i> 2013-BOF-01</p> <p><i>Date:</i> 3/15/2013</p>	<p>Bureau of Firearms</p>

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 went into effect January 1, 2013, 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 1527 (Stats. 2012, ch. 700) – Carrying Firearms in Public

- Allows authorized security guards and honorably retired peace officers to possess a firearm in a school zone. (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 626.92.)
- Makes it a misdemeanor, subject to certain exceptions, to carry an unloaded rifle/shotgun outside of a motor vehicle in an incorporated city and would increase the punishment if the person also possesses ammunition capable of being discharged from the firearm and the person is not in lawful possession of the firearm. (Pen. Code, § 26400.)
- Provides specified exemptions allowing the open carrying of an unloaded handgun, including licensed hunters while training a hunting dog or while going to or from that training. (Pen. Code, §§ 26366.5, 26390, 26391.)

AB 1559 (Stats. 2012, ch. 691) – DROS Fees

- Beginning January 1, 2014, only one Dealer's Record of Sale (DROS) fee will be charged for a single transaction (i.e., sale, lease, or transfer to one person) on the same date for any number of firearms (handguns and long guns). (Pen. Code, § 28240.)
- Adds the importation of short-barreled rifles/shotguns to list of activities that may be considered good cause for issuance of a dangerous weapons permit by the Department of Justice. (Pen. Code, § 33300.)

AB 1821 (Stats. 2012, ch. 117) – Security Guard Firearm Qualification Cards

- Allows security guards to carry or use a firearm while on duty pending receipt of their permanent firearm qualification card from the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services if he or she has been approved and carries a hard copy printout of the approval and a valid picture identification. (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 7583.12.)

AB 2221 (Stats. 2012, ch. 697) – Public Records

- Adds prosecutors and public defenders to the list of persons whose firearm license applications are not fully required to be disclosed as public records. (Gov. Code, § 6254.)

SB 1315 (Stats. 2012, ch. 214) – Imitation Firearms in Los Angeles County

- Allows Los Angeles County and cities in the county of Los Angeles to enact ordinances and resolutions regarding spot marker guns. (Gov. Code, § 53071.5.)

SB 1327 (Stats. 2012, ch. 763) – Internet Web Site for Business Licensing Information

- Requires the Governor to establish an Internet Web site to provide licensing, permitting, and registration information necessary to start a business. (Gov. Code, § 12019.5.)

SB 1367 (Stats. 2012, ch. 711) – Carrying a Handgun while Hunting Deer with Bow and Arrow

- Allows authorized peace officers to carry a handgun while hunting deer with bow and arrow but deer shall not be taken with the firearm. (Fish & G. Code, § 4370.)

SB 1433 (Stats. 2012, ch. 765) – Protective Orders

- Requires the court-ordered record search on the proposed subject of a protective order, as defined in Family Code section 6218, to include a determination of whether the subject of the order has a registered firearm. (Fam. Code, § 6306.)
- Requires peace officers serving a protective order, as defined in Family Code section 6218, that indicates the respondent possesses weapons or ammunition to request that the firearm be immediately surrendered. (Fam. Code, § 6389.)

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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