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INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Firearms Program
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ALL PAWNBROKERS/SECONDHAND DEALERS

Beginning **November 30, 1998**, the permanent provisions of the Brady Act will become effective. These provisions will have major ramifications for all pawnbroker and secondhand dealers involved in firearms transactions.

The permanent Brady Act provisions will require background eligibility checks to be conducted on **all** firearms (handguns and long guns) throughout the nation. These background checks will also be required on all firearms returned from pawn or consignment, as well as transactions involving curio and relic long guns (a category of firearms previously exempted under California law).

If you are a pawnbroker or secondhand dealer on the state Department of Justice (DOJ) Centralized List of Fully Licensed Firearms Dealers, you will be receiving a more detailed Information Bulletin discussing the specific changes being required under the Brady Act.

However, if you are not on the DOJ Centralized List and wish to continue to be involved in firearms transactions (including pawn or consignment returns), you will need to contact the Department of Justice Firearms Program at (916) 227-3694 and apply to become a fully licensed firearms dealer.

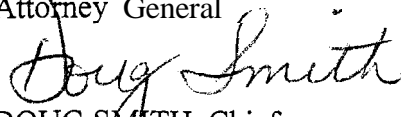
The new federal provisions requiring that a firearms eligibility check be conducted upon the return of a pawned firearm to the person who placed it into pawn represents a significant departure from past statutory requirements. In addition, such an eligibility background check must be done **each and every** time such a pawned firearm is redeemed from pawn.

If you have also been involved in pawn or consignment returns or the sale/transfer of curio and relic long guns, such activities must cease on **November 30, 1998** unless you are a fully licensed firearms dealer on the DOJ Centralized List.

If we can be of any assistance to you regarding these new federal provisions, you may contact the Firearms Program at (916) 227-3703.

Sincerely,

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