

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
TITLE 11. LAW
DIVISION 5. FIREARMS REGULATIONS
CHAPTER 11. FIREARM PRECURSOR PARTS AND FIREARM BARRELS
STD 399 ATTACHMENT A

Economic Impact Statement
Section B – Estimated Costs

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Business Costs

Firearms dealers do not currently initiate eligibility checks or charge fees to people who purchase or transfer firearm barrels. The Penal Code authorizes the Department of Justice (Department) to charge up to \$5.00 per eligibility check to cover the Department's costs to run the check. The proposed regulations set the fee at \$0.00 at this time. The Legislature granted the Department's Budget Change Proposal (0820-038-BCP-2026-GB) in order to provide the Department with funds to implement and administer Penal Code section 33700. The Department does not anticipate costs for businesses other than de minimis reporting and recordkeeping costs.

Individual Costs

The cost to an individual who attempts to purchase a firearm barrel will be \$0.00, as explained above.

Fiscal Impact Statement

Section B - Fiscal Effect on State Government

The initial costs of implementing the firearm barrel eligibility check program required the Department to request \$1,182,000 from the State's General Fund for fiscal year 2026-2027. These initial funds will be used to develop and integrate the IT systems that are necessary for the eligibility check process for a new category of transactions. The costs associated with these systems include personnel, operating expenses, equipment, and infrastructure.

The Legislature granted an additional \$259,000, each year beginning in fiscal year 2027-2028, for direct and indirect costs associated with the new permanent Information Technology Specialist I position, for ongoing maintenance, and operating expenses as well as enhancements to existing systems. The \$259,000 will also cover the costs for 65 hours of overtime (OT) for a Crime Analyst (CA) I in the Eligibility Clearance Unit (ECU) to conduct the eligibility checks; 232 hours of OT for a CA I in the Armed Prohibited Persons Unit to review and process transactions; 253 hours of OT for a Program Technician I in ECU to process denial packets and

information requests; and 21 hours of OT for a CA I in the Firearms Record Review team to process applications from individuals challenging the decision of their barrel eligibility check. The ongoing funding will also enable a Deputy Attorney General IV to provide eligibility guidance. These numbers were based on an estimated 150,000 barrel transactions per year.