CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

TITLE 11. LAW
DIVISION 5. FIREARMS REGULATIONS
CHAPTER 12. CALIFORNIA FIREARMS APPLICATION REPORTING SYSTEM

MODIFIED TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS

The initial proposal (noticed on January 9, 2026) is illustrated by single black underline. Changes made after the 45-day comment period are illustrated by blue double-underline for proposed additions and ~~red double-strikethrough~~ for proposed deletions.

§ 4341. Definitions.

(a) "CFARS" means California Firearms Application Reporting System.

(b) "Department" means the California Department of Justice.

(c) "Firearms dealer" or "dealer" means an individual listed on the Centralized List of Firearms Dealers pursuant to Penal Code section 26700.

(d) "Unsafe handgun" has the meaning set forth in Penal Code section 31910.

(e) "Eligible entities" refers to entities authorized to purchase unsafe handguns under Penal Code section 32000, subdivisions (b)(4), (b)(6), and (b)(7).

(f) "Transferee" means an individual accepting the sale or transfer of an unsafe handgun.

(g) "Transferor" means a sworn member of one of the entities listed in Penal Code section 32000, subdivisions (b)(4) or (b)(6).

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 32000, Penal Code. Reference: Sections 26700 and 32000, Penal Code.

§ 4342. Online Reporting with CFARS.

(a) Unless transacted through a licensed firearms dealer, within 72 hours of the sale or transfer of an unsafe handgun obtained or purchased pursuant to the exemptions in Penal Code section 32000, subdivisions (b)(4), (b)(6), or (b)(7), the transferor must report the sale or transfer electronically through CFARS.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), ~~eligible~~ entities ~~may satisfy the reporting requirements of~~

that report firearm transfers as prescribed in Penal Code section 26600, et seq. may satisfy the 72-hour reporting requirement in Penal Code section 32000, subdivision (e)(2) by reporting the sale or transfer ~~of an unsafe handgun to an eligible entity or individual~~ through the Automated Firearms System (AFS) ~~as prescribed by Penal Code section 26600, subdivision (c)~~.

(c) Before a transferor can electronically report the sale or transfer of an unsafe handgun, the transferor shall create a CFARS account as prescribed by California Code of Regulations, Title 11, section 4340.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 26600 and 32000, Penal Code. Reference: Sections 26600 and 32000, Penal Code.

§ 4343. Reporting Requirements.

~~(a)~~ Once a CFARS account has been created, the form for reporting the sale or transfer of an unsafe handgun will be located under the link "Unsafe Handgun Transfer Notification." The transferor shall provide the following information on the form to complete the report:

(~~b~~a) Transferor shall ~~agree to~~acknowledge the following Department Privacy Notice:

(1) Collection and Use of Personal Information: The Division of Law Enforcement, Bureau of Firearms in the Department of Justice collects the information on this form pursuant to Penal Code section 32000. The Bureau of Firearms uses this information to ~~report~~record the firearm has been transferred to another individual or entity. In addition, any personal information collected by state agencies is subject to the limitations in the Information Practices Act and state policy. The Department of Justice's general privacy policy is available at http://oag.ca.gov/privacy-policy.

(2) Providing Personal Information: All information fields marked with an asterisk must be completed. Failure to provide the mandatory information will result in an incomplete report ~~and a violation of Penal Code section 32000~~.

(3) Access to Your Information: You may review the records maintained by the Division of Law Enforcement, Bureau of Firearms in the Department of Justice that contain your personal information, as permitted by the Information Practices Act. See below for contact information.

(4) Possible Disclosure of Personal Information: We may need to share the information

you provide us with any Bureau of Firearms representative or any other person designated by the Attorney General upon request. The information you provide may also be disclosed in the following circumstances:

(A) With other persons or agencies when necessary to perform their legal duties, and their use of your information is compatible and complies with state law, such as for investigations, licensing, certification, or regulatory purposes;

(B) To another government agency as required by state or federal law.

(5) Contact Information: For questions about this notice or access to your records, you may contact the Bureau of Firearms at (916) 210-2300, via email firearms.bureau@doj.ca.gov, or by mail at P.O. Box 820200, Sacramento, CA 94203-0200.

(~~e~~b) Transferor must provide the following mandatory information in the "transferor information" section: transferor's first and last name; primary residence street address and zip code; email address; phone number; California driver's license number, California identification card number, or military or Department of Defense identification number (if applicable); and date of birth.

(1) Transferors may provide the following optional information to complete the form: transferor's middle name; suffix; alias first, middle, and last name; alias suffix; mailing address (if different from residence address) and zip code.

(~~d~~c) Transferor must respond to the question "Was this handgun obtained pursuant to paragraph (4), (6), or (7) of Penal Code section 32000, subdivision (b)" in the "firearm information" section of the form.

(~~e~~d) Transferor must include a description of the unsafe handgun in the "firearm information" section of the form that specifies firearm type; category; frame only; make; model; caliber; firearm color; barrel length; unit; and serial number.

(~~f~~e) Transferor must specify the transferee of the unsafe handgun in the "transferee information" section of the form and include the following mandatory information about the transferee: first and last name; residence street address; zip code; telephone number; and date of firearm transfer.

(1) The transferor shall select from the following options listed when indicating who the unsafe handgun is being transferred to: Parent/Child/Grandparent/Grandchild – Intra-

familial; Spouse – Operation of Law; Out-of-State Private Party Transfer; Out-of-State Firearms Dealer; or Manufacturer/Gunsmith.

(2) If the transferor selects "out-of-state private party transfer," the transferor must include the mandatory information indicated in subdivision (f), and upload to CFARS a bill of sale and the transferee's driver's license number or identification card number, or a military or Department of Defense identification number.

(3) If the transferor selects "out-of-state firearms dealer" or "manufacturer/gunsmith," then the transferor must provide the transferee's business name; business street address and zip code; business phone; and date of firearm transfer. If "out-of-state firearms dealer" is selected, the transferor must also provide a bill of sale.

(4) Transferors may provide the following optional information of the transferee: middle name; suffix; identification type, identification number, identification state, and date of birth.

(~~e~~f) Transferor shall agree to the following personal declaration:

(1) I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 32000, Penal Code. Reference: Section 32000, Penal Code.

§ 4344. Notice of Incomplete Report.

(a) If the mandatory information in section 4343 is incomplete or incorrect, the Department shall electronically notify the transferor, via CFARS, that the form is deemed incomplete by the Department. The notice shall specify all grounds on which the Department's determination is based. The Department ~~may~~will also request ~~any missing mandatory~~that information be corrected or provided within 30 calendar days of the transferor being notified. If the~~requested~~ mandatory information is not received within 30 calendar days~~ of the transferor being notified of the request in CFARS~~, the form will be rejected.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 32000, Penal Code. Reference: Section 32000, Penal Code.