

GUN OWNERS OF CALIFORNIA – WORKING THE CAPITOL

We at GOC are hardly soothsayers, but we've been in this game long enough to know that liberals will **never** pass up an opportunity to mess with our gun rights. As predicted, the compost heap of California legislation has grown! It's as if they are trying to out "anti-gun" each other, and we – the intelligent and law abiding are right in their crosshairs.

GOC is continuing to march on for what continues to be a **very busy year**, fighting each backwards attempt to "protect the public." Thus far, our biggest success has been the defeat of AB 2459, which was billed as the Brady Campaign's top priority. While this is terrific news, we still have a lot of bad bills in our path; for the text and GOC analysis of each bill, go to www.gunownersca.com. Legislation has a tendency to "morph" as it works through the process (see article on the "gut-and-amends" and note the "new" bills below) – so for updates, head to our website.

AB 156 – GUT AND AMEND

Perea [D] / Greenhouse Gases / McCarty [D] / OPPOSE / ACTIVE

Requires the Attorney General to maintain information about ammunition transactions and ammunition vendor licenses for those purposes (same as SB 1235 – De Leon).

AB 857 – GUT AND AMEND

Perea [D] / Greenhouse Gases / Cooper [D] / OPPOSE / ACTIVE

Commencing July 1, 2018, requires a person who manufactures or assembles a firearm to first apply to the department for a unique serial number or other identifying mark. (Same as SB 1407 De Leon).

AB 1135 – GUT AND AMEND

Perea [D] / Water Districts / Levine [D] / OPPOSE / ACTIVE

Revises the definition of "assault weapon" to mean a semiautomatic centerfire rifle, or a semiautomatic pistol that does not have a fixed magazine but has any one of those specified attributes. Defines "fixed magazine" to mean an ammunition feeding device contained in, or permanently attached to, a firearm in such a manner that the device cannot be removed without disassembly of the firearm action (Similar to SB 880 – Hall).

AB 1511 – GUT AND AMEND

[D] Perea / PUC: Energy / Santiago [D] / OPPOSE / ACTIVE

Places limits on the loan of a firearm to only a spouse or registered domestic partner, or to a parent, child, sibling, grandparent, or grandchild, related as specified.

AB 1663 - Chiu [D] / OPPOSE / ACTIVE

Classifies a semiautomatic centerfire rifle that doesn't have a fixed magazine with the capacity to accept no more than 10 rounds as an "**assault weapon**". Requires those who lawfully possessed an "**assault weapon**" that doesn't have a fixed magazine, including guns with an ammunition feeding device that can be removed readily with the use of a tool (this includes those with mechanical magazine locking devices, commonly known as bullet buttons) to **register** the firearm.

AB 1664 - Levine [D] / OPPOSE / ACTIVE

Amends the definition of an "**assault weapon**" to include guns equipped with a mechanical magazine locking device requiring the use of a tool to remove a magazine (bullet button). Provides a registration deadline for such firearms in legal possession with the Department of Justice. Authorizes a registration fee, and provides for **Internet registration**.

AB 1673 - Gipson [D] / OPPOSE / ACTIVE

Closes a supposed "**loophole**" by expanding the definition of firearm to include an unfinished frame or receiver that can be readily converted to the functional condition of a finished frame or receiver.

AB 1674 - Santiago [D] / OPPOSE / ACTIVE

Caps the number of firearms that may be purchased by a person at **one per month** – the same restriction currently in place for handguns.

AB 2459 - McCarty [D] / OPPOSE / FAILED

Requires a licensee to ensure that its business premises are monitored by video surveillance that, among other requirements, **visually records and archives footage of every sale or transfer of a firearm or ammunition**, in a manner that makes the facial features of the purchaser clearly visible in the recorded footage.

AB 2607 - TING (D) / OPPOSE / ACTIVE

Enables an **employer, a coworker**, a mental health worker, or an employee of any high school or college to request the courts issue a **Gun Violence Restraining Order** against an individual from owning, purchasing, possessing, or receiving a firearm or ammunition.

SB 650 – GUT AND AMEND

Hall [D] – Gambling / Same Author / OPPOSE / ACTIVE

Redefines a so-called “assault weapon” to mean a semiautomatic centerfire rifle or a semiautomatic pistol that does not have a fixed magazine but has any one of those specified attributes. The bill would also define “fixed magazine” to mean an ammunition feeding device contained in, or permanently attached to, a firearm in such a manner that the device cannot be removed without disassembly of the firearm action (Similar to SB 880).

SB 880- Hall [D] / OPPOSE / ACTIVE

Revises the definition of “**assault weapon**” to mean a semiautomatic centerfire rifle, or a semiautomatic pistol that does not have a fixed magazine but has any one of specified attributes; mandates registration and fee increases.

SB 894 - Jackson [D] / OPPOSE / ACTIVE

Requires every person to report the theft or loss of a firearm to law enforcement within a specified number of days of the time he or she knew or “**reasonably**” should have known that the firearm had been stolen or lost; provides a penalty for failing to report said theft or loss.

SB 1006 - Wolk [D] / OPPOSE / ACTIVE

Enacts the **Firearm Violence Research Act**. Declares the intent of the Legislature that the Regents of the University of California establish the California Firearm Violence Research Center to research firearm related violence. Requires the university to report specified information regarding the activities of the center and information pertaining to research grants.

SB 1235 - De Leon (D) / OPPOSE / ACTIVE

Redefines the term “ammunition”; requires the Attorney General to maintain information about ammunition transactions and ammunition vendor licenses for those purposes.

SB 1332 - Mendoza [D] / OPPOSE / ACTIVE

Appropriately requires the Department of Justice to modify its firearm registration form so **both spouses may register** as the owners, but **changes the time frame** from 30 to 10 days that a firearm can be legally “**loaned**.” This is unnecessary and will create an undue hardship on law-abiding gun owners.

SB 1407 - De Leon [D] / OPPOSE / ACTIVE

Requires a person who manufactures or assembles a firearm to apply for a **unique serial number** or other identifying mark and mandates anyone who owns a gun without a serial number to apply for one. Requires a firearms eligibility check before the Department of Justice may grant a serial number application.

SB 1446 - Hancock [D] / OPPOSE / ACTIVE

Relates to ammunition capacity and **revises the definition** of large capacity magazine feeding devices that hold more than 10 rounds of ammunition to include those which have been permanently modified to hold no more than 10 rounds of ammunition. Provides for criminal penalties.

SJR 20 - Hall [D] / OPPOSE / ACTIVE

Urges the Congress to **lift an existing prohibition** against publicly funded scientific research on the causes of gun violence and its effects on public health and to appropriate funds for that research.

In the midst of all the negative, legislation has been introduced that seeks to accomplish the positive – although most of these bills unfortunately have been killed:

AB 1869 - Melendez [R] / SUPPORT / ACTIVE

Makes the buying or receiving of a stolen firearm, with knowledge that the property was stolen a misdemeanor or a **felony**.

AB 2340 - Gallagher [R] / SUPPORT / FAILED

Exempts a person holding a valid license to carry a concealed firearm who is also protected by a domestic violence protective order **from both the gun free school zone** and university prohibitions.

AB 2478 - Melendez [R] / SUPPORT / FAILED

Makes certain firearms offenses punishable by actual **imprisonment** of 2, 3 or 4 years.

AB 2508 - Mathis [R] / SUPPORT / FAILED

Relates to the safe handgun roster; allows a handgun model removed for any reason other than its **failure upon retesting** to be reinstated to the roster upon a petition to the Attorney General for reinstatement.

AB 2510 - Linder [R] / SUPPORT* / ACTIVE

Requires the Attorney General develop a **uniform license for concealed weapon permits** that may be used as indicia of proof of licensure throughout the state (*Author has pledged to work with GOC's concerns that uniformity be in appearance as well as content).

AB 2540 - Melendez [R] / SUPPORT / ACTIVE

Provides a sales and use **tax exemption** for the gross receipts from the sale of, and the storage, use, or other consumption of, gun safes with a specified cost range and trigger locks.

AB 2666 - Baker [R] / SUPPORT / FAILED

Relates to **felons in possession of firearms**, and mandates punishment for subsequent convictions of that felony.

