No. 683

Introduced by Senator Block

February 22, 2013

An act to amend Section 26525 Sections 16670, 26840, 27540, 27875, 27880, 27920, 27925, 31610, 31615, 31620, 31625, 31630, 31635, 31640, 31645, 31650, 31655, 31660, and 31700 of, to amend the heading of Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 31500) of Division 10 of Title 4 of Part 6 of, and to amend the heading of Article 2 (commencing with Section 31610) of Chapter 4 of Division 10 of Title 4 of Part 6 of, the Penal Code, relating to firearms.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 683, as amended, Block. Firearms: used firearms. firearm safety certificate.

Existing law prohibits a person from purchasing or receiving any handgun without a valid handgun safety certificate, and prohibits any person from selling, delivering, loaning, or transferring any handgun to any person who does not have a valid handgun safety certificate, with exceptions, as specified. Under existing law, a violation of these provisions is a misdemeanor.

This bill would instead prohibit a person from purchasing or receiving any firearm without a valid firearm safety certificate, and would prohibit any person from selling, delivering, loaning, or transferring any firearm to any person who does not have a valid firearm safety certificate. The bill would make conforming changes. The bill would also make technical, nonsubstantive changes. By expanding the scope of a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Existing law, subject to exceptions, prohibits a person from selling, leasing, or transferring firearms unless the person has been issued a firearms dealer license, as specified. Existing law provides an exception to that requirement for the sale, lease, or transfer of used firearms that are not handguns at gun shows or other events, as specified, if the person has a valid federal firearms license, a current certificate of eligibility, and certain other criteria are met.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no-yes. State-mandated local program: no-yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 16670 of the Penal Code is amended to 2 read:

3 16670. As used in this part, "handgun "firearm safety 4 certificate" means a certificate issued by the Department of Justice 5 pursuant to Sections 31610 to 31700, inclusive, or pursuant to 6 former Article 8 (commencing with Section 12800) of Chapter 6 7 of Title 2 of Part 4, as that article was operative at any time from 8 January 1, 2003, until it was repealed by the Deadly Weapons 9 Recodification Act of 2010. 10 SEC. 2. Section 26840 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

11 26840. No-A dealer-may shall not deliver a-handgun firearm 12 unless the person receiving the handgun firearm presents to the 13 dealer a valid-handgun firearm safety certificate. The firearms 14 dealer shall retain a photocopy of the handgun firearm safety 15 certificate as proof of compliance with this requirement.

16 SEC. 3. Section 27540 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

17 27540. No-A dealer, whether or not acting pursuant to Chapter

18 5 (commencing with Section 28050), shall *not* deliver a firearm

19 to a person, as follows:

1 (a) Within 10 days of the application to purchase, or, after notice 2 by the department pursuant to Section 28220, within 10 days of 3 the submission to the department of any correction to the 4 application, or within 10 days of the submission to the department 5 of any fee required pursuant to Section 28225, whichever is later. 6 (b) Unless unloaded and securely wrapped or unloaded and in 7 a locked container. 8 (c) Unless the purchaser, transferee, or person being loaned the 9 firearm presents clear evidence of the person's identity and age to 10 the dealer. 11 (d) Whenever the dealer is notified by the Department of Justice

that the person is prohibited by state or federal law from possessing,
 receiving, owning, or purchasing a firearm.

(e) No handgun A firearm shall not be delivered unless the
purchaser, transferee, or person being loaned the handgun firearm
presents a handgun firearm safety certificate to the dealer.

(f) No-A handgun shall *not* be delivered whenever the dealer is notified by the Department of Justice that within the preceding 30-day period the purchaser has made another application to purchase a handgun and that the previous application to purchase involved none of the entities specified in subdivision (b) of Section 22 27535.

SEC. 4. Section 27875 of the Penal Code is amended to read:
27875. Section 27545 does not apply to the transfer of a
handgun, and commencing January 1, 2014, any firearm, by gift,
bequest, intestate succession, or other means from one individual
to another, if all of the following requirements are met:

28 (a) The transfer is infrequent, as defined in Section 16730.

(b) The transfer is between members of the same immediatefamily.

31 (c) Within 30 days of taking possession of the firearm, the 32 person to whom it is transferred shall forward by prepaid mail, or 33 deliver in person to the Department of Justice, a report that includes 34 information concerning the individual taking possession of the firearm, how title was obtained and from whom, and a description 35 36 of the firearm in question. The report forms that individuals 37 complete pursuant to this section shall be provided to them by the 38 Department of Justice.

(d) The person taking title to the firearm shall first obtain a
 handgun *firearm* safety certificate, if the firearm is a handgun.

1 (e) The person receiving the firearm is 18 years of age or older.

2 SEC. 5. Section 27880 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

3 27880. Section 27545 does not apply to the loan of a firearm
4 between persons who are personally known to each other, if all of

5 the following requirements are satisfied:

6 (a) The loan is infrequent, as defined in Section 16730.

7 (b) The loan is for any lawful purpose.

8 (c) The loan does not exceed 30 days in duration.

9 (d) If the firearm is a handgun, the *The* individual being loaned 10 the-handgun *firearm* shall have a valid-handgun *firearm* safety 11 certificate.

SEC. 6. Section 27920 of the Penal Code is amended to read: 27920. Section 27545 does not apply to a person who takes title or possession of a handgun, and commencing January 1, 2014, any firearm, by operation of law if the person is not prohibited by state or federal law from possessing, receiving, owning, or purchasing a firearm and all of the following conditions are met:

purchasing a firearm and all of the following conditions are met:
(a) If the person taking title or possession is neither a levying

officer as defined in Section 481.140, 511.060, or 680.260 of theCode of Civil Procedure, nor a person who is receiving that firearm

pursuant to subdivision (g), (i), or (j) of Section 16990, the person

shall, within 30 days of taking possession, forward by prepaid mail

or deliver in person to the Department of Justice, a report of

24 information concerning the individual taking possession of the 25 firearm, how title or possession was obtained and from whom, and

26 a description of the firearm in question.

(b) If the person taking title or possession is receiving the
firearm pursuant to subdivision (g) of Section 16990, the person
shall do both of the following:

30 (1) Within 30 days of taking possession, forward by prepaid

mail or deliver in person to the department, a report of informationconcerning the individual taking possession of the firearm, how

title or possession was obtained and from whom, and a description

34 of the firearm in question.

35 (2) Prior to taking title or possession of the firearm, the person
36 shall obtain a handgun *firearm* safety certificate, if the firearm is
37 a handgun.

38 (c) Where the person receiving title or possession of the 39 handgun, and commencing January 1, 2014, any firearm, is a

40 person described in subdivision (i) of Section 16990, on the date

1 that the person is delivered the firearm, the name and other 2 information concerning the person taking possession of the firearm, 3 how title or possession of the firearm was obtained and from whom, 4 and a description of the firearm by make, model, serial number, 5 and other identifying characteristics shall be entered into the 6 Automated Firearms System (AFS) via the California Law 7 Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS) by the law 8 enforcement or state agency that transferred or delivered the 9 firearm, provided, however, that if the firearm is not a handgun 10 and does not have a serial number, identification number, or 11 identification mark assigned to it, that fact shall be noted in AFS. 12 An agency without access to AFS shall arrange with the sheriff of

the county in which the agency is located to input this informationvia this system.

15 (d) Where the person receiving title or possession of the handgun, and commencing January 1, 2014, any firearm, is a 16 17 person described in subdivision (i) of Section 16990, on the date 18 that the person is delivered the firearm, the name and other 19 information concerning the person taking possession of the firearm, 20 how title or possession of the firearm was obtained and from whom, 21 and a description of the firearm by make, model, serial number, 22 and other identifying characteristics shall be entered into the AFS 23 via the CLETS by the law enforcement or state agency that 24 transferred or delivered the firearm, provided, however, that if the 25 firearm is not a handgun and does not have a serial number, identification number, or identification mark assigned to it, that 26 27 fact shall be noted in AFS. An agency without access to AFS shall 28 arrange with the sheriff of the county in which the agency is located 29 to input this information via this system. In addition, if the firearm 30 is a handgun, that law enforcement agency shall not deliver that 31 handgun the firearm to the person referred to in this subdivision 32 unless, prior to the delivery of the handgun firearm, the person 33 presents proof to the agency that the person is the holder of a 34 handgun firearm safety certificate.

(e) The reports that individuals complete pursuant to this sectionshall be provided to them by the Department of Justice.

37 SEC. 7. Section 27925 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

38 27925. (a) Section 27545 does not apply to a person who takes

39 possession of a firearm by operation of law in a representative

1 2 3	capacity who subsequently transfers ownership of the firearm to himself or herself in an individual capacity.(b) In the case of a handgun, the <i>The</i> individual shall obtain a
4	handgun firearm safety certificate prior to transferring ownership
5	to himself or herself, or taking possession of a handgun firearm
6	in an individual capacity.
7	SEC. 8. The heading of Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 21500) of Division 10 of Title 4 of Part 6 of the Pengl Code is
8 9	31500) of Division 10 of Title 4 of Part 6 of the Penal Code is amended to read:
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10	Chapter 4. Handguns and Firearm Safety
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13	SEC. 9. The heading of Article 2 (commencing with Section
14	<i>31610) of Chapter 4 of Division 10 of Title 4 of Part 6 of the Penal</i>
15	Code is amended to read:
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17	Article 2. Handgun Firearm Safety Certificate
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19	SEC. 10. Section 31610 of the Penal Code is amended to read:
20	31610. It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this article
21	to require that persons who obtain handguns firearms have a basic
22	familiarity with those firearms, including, but not limited to, the
23	safe handling and storage of those firearms. It is not the intent of
24	the Legislature to require a handgun firearm safety certificate for
25	the mere possession of a firearm.
26	SEC. 11. Section 31615 of the Penal Code is amended to read:
27	31615. (a) No A person shall <i>not</i> do either of the following:
28	(1) Purchase or receive any handgun <i>firearm</i> , except an antique
29 30	firearm, without a valid-handgun <i>firearm</i> safety certificate.(2) Sell, deliver, loan, or transfer any-handgun <i>firearm</i>, except
31	an antique firearm, to any person who does not have a valid
32	handgun firearm safety certificate.
33	(b) Any person who violates subdivision (a) is guilty of a
34	misdemeanor.
35	(c) The provisions of this section are cumulative, and shall not
36	be construed as restricting the application of any other law.
37	However, an act or omission punishable in different ways by
38	different provisions of this code shall not be punished under more
39	than one provision.
40	SEC. 12. Section 31620 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

1 31620. (a) No-A person-may *shall not* commit an act of 2 collusion as specified in Section 27550.

3 (b) Any person who alters, counterfeits, or falsifies a handgun
4 *firearm* safety certificate, or who uses or attempts to use any
5 altered, counterfeited, or falsified handgun *firearm* safety certificate
6 to purchase a handgun *firearm* is guilty of a misdemeanor.

7 (c) The provisions of this section are cumulative and shall not
8 be construed as restricting the application of any other law.
9 However, an act or omission punishable in different ways by this
10 section and different provisions of this code shall not be punished
11 under more than one provision.

12 SEC. 13. Section 31625 of the Penal Code is amended to read: 13 31625. (a) No-A certified instructor-may shall not issue a 14 handgun firearm safety certificate to any person who has not 15 complied with this article. Proof of compliance shall be forwarded 16 to the department by certified instructors as frequently as the 17 department may determine.

(b) No-A certified instructor may shall not issue a handgun
 firearm safety certificate to any person who is under 18 years of
 age.

(c) A violation of this section shall be grounds for the
 department to revoke the instructor's certification to issue handgun
 firearm safety certificates.

24 SEC. 14. Section 31630 of the Penal Code is amended to read: 25 31630. (a) The department shall develop an instruction manual 26 in English and in Spanish by October 1, 2002. The department 27 shall make the instructional manual available to firearms dealers 28 licensed pursuant to Sections 26700 to 26915, inclusive, who shall 29 make it available to the general public. Essential portions of the 30 manual may be included in the pamphlet described in Section 31 34205.

32 (b) The department shall develop audiovisual materials in
33 English and in Spanish by March 1, 2003, to be issued to instructors
34 certified by the department.

35 (c) The department shall solicit input from any reputable 36 association or organization, including any law enforcement 37 association that has as one of its objectives the promotion of 38 firearms safety, in the development of the handgun *firearm* safety 39 certificate instructional materials.

40 SEC. 15. Section 31635 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

31635. (a) The department shall prescribe a minimum level
 of skill, knowledge, and competency to be required of all handgun

3 *firearm* safety certificate instructors.

- 4 (b) Department Certified Instructor applicants shall have a 5 certification to provide training from one of the following 6 organizations as specified, or any entity found by the department 7 to give comparable instruction in firearms safety, or the applicant 8 shall have similar or equivalent training to that provided by the
- 9 following, as determined by the department:
- (1) Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California-Firearm
 Training Instructor.
- 12 (2) Director of Civilian Marksmanship, Instructor or 13 Rangemaster.
- 14 (3) Federal Government, Certified Rangemaster or Firearm15 Instructor.
- 16 (4) Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Firearm17 Instructor Training Program or Rangemaster.
- 18 (5) United States Military, Military Occupational Specialty
- 19 (MOS) as marksmanship or firearms instructor. Assignment as20 Range Officer or Safety Officer are not sufficient.
- (6) National Rifle Association-Certified Instructor, Law
 22 Enforcement Instructor, Rangemaster, or Training Counselor.
- 23 (7) Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training
- 24 (POST), State of California-Firearm Instructor or Rangemaster.
- (8) Authorization from a State of California accredited schoolto teach a firearm training course.
- SEC. 16. Section 31640 of the Penal Code is amended to read:
 31640. (a) The department shall develop a written objective
- test, in English and in Spanish, and prescribe its content, form,and manner, to be administered by an instructor certified by thedepartment.
- (b) If the person taking the test is unable to read, the examination
 shall be administered orally. If the person taking the test is unable
 to read English or Spanish, the test may be applied orally by a
- 35 translator.
- 36 (c) The test shall cover, but not be limited to, all of the 37 following:
- 38 (1) The laws applicable to carrying and handling firearms,39 particularly handguns.

1 (2) The responsibilities of ownership of firearms, particularly 2 handguns.

3 (3) Current law as it relates to the private sale and transfer of 4 firearms.

5 (4) Current law as it relates to the permissible use of lethal force.

(5) What constitutes safe firearm storage.

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7 (6) Issues associated with bringing a handgun *firearm* into the 8 home.

9 (7) Prevention strategies to address issues associated with 10 bringing firearms into the home.

(d) The department shall update test materials related to thisarticle every five years.

(e) If a dealer licensed pursuant to Sections 26700 to 26915,
inclusive, or his or her employee, or where the managing officer
or partner is certified as an instructor pursuant to this article, he
or she shall also designate a separate room or partitioned area for
a person to take the objective test, and maintain adequate
supervision to assure that no acts of collusion occur while the
objective test is being administered.

SEC. 17. Section 31645 of the Penal Code is amended to read:
31645. (a) An applicant for a handgun firearm safety certificate
shall successfully pass the objective test referred to in Section
31640, with a passing grade of at least 75 percent. Any person
receiving a passing grade on the objective test shall immediately
be issued a handgun firearm safety certificate by the instructor.

26 (b) An applicant who fails to pass the objective test upon the 27 first attempt shall be offered additional instructional materials by 28 the instructor, such as a videotape or booklet. The person may not 29 retake the objective test under any circumstances until 24 hours 30 have elapsed after the failure to pass the objective test upon the 31 first attempt. The person failing the test on the first attempt shall 32 take another version of the test upon the second attempt. All tests 33 shall be taken from the same instructor except upon permission 34 by the department, which shall be granted only for good cause shown. The instructor shall make himself or herself available to 35 36 the applicant during regular business hours in order to retake the 37 test.

38 SEC. 18. Section 31650 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

1 31650. (a) The certified instructor may charge a fee of 2 twenty-five dollars (\$25), fifteen dollars (\$15) of which is to be 3 paid to the department pursuant to subdivision (c).

4 (b) An applicant to renew a handgun *firearm* safety certificate

5 shall be required to pass the objective test. The certified instructor

6 may charge a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25), fifteen dollars (\$15)

7 of which is to be forwarded to the department pursuant to 8 subdivision (c).

9 (c) The department may charge the certified instructor up to

10 fifteen dollars (\$15) for each-handgun *firearm* safety certificate

11 issued by that instructor to cover the department's cost in carrying

- out and enforcing this article, and enforcing the provisions listedin subdivision (e), as determined annually by the department.
- (d) All money received by the department pursuant to this article
- 14 (d) All money received by the department pursuant to this article 15 shall be deposited into the Firearms Safety and Enforcement 16 Special Fund created pursuant to Section 28200

16 Special Fund created pursuant to Section 28300.

(e) The department shall conduct enforcement activities,including, but not limited to, law enforcement activities to ensurecompliance with the following provisions:

20 (1) Section 830.95.

(1) Stellah (2001)(2) Title 2 (commencing with Section 12001) of Part 4.

22 (3) This part, except Sections 16965, 17235, and 21510.

23 SEC. 19. Section 31655 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

- 31655. (a) The department shall develop handgun firearm
 safety certificates to be issued by instructors certified by the
 department, department to those persons who have complied with
 this article.
- (b) A-handgun *firearm* safety certificate shall include, but notbe limited to, the following information:
- 30 (1) A unique handgun *firearm* safety certificate identification 31 number.
- 32 (2) The holder's full name.
- 33 (3) The holder's date of birth.
- 34 (4) The holder's driver's license or identification number.
- 35 (5) The holder's signature.
- 36 (6) The signature of the issuing instructor.
- 37 (7) The date of issuance.
- 38 (c) The handgun *firearm* safety certificate shall expire five years
- 39 after the date that it was issued by the certified instructor.
- 40 SEC. 20. Section 31660 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

1 31660. (a) In the case of loss or destruction of a-handgun 2 *firearm* safety certificate, the issuing instructor shall issue a 3 duplicate certificate upon request and proof of identification to the 4 certificate holder.

5 (b) The department may authorize the issuing instructor to 6 charge a fee not to exceed fifteen dollars (\$15), for a duplicate 7 certificate. Revenues from this fee shall be deposited in the 8 Firearms Safety and Enforcement Special Fund, created pursuant 9 to Section 28300.

SEC. 21. Section 31700 of the Penal Code is amended to read:
31700. (a) The following persons, properly identified, are
exempted from the handgun firearm safety certificate requirement
in subdivision (a) of Section 31615:

(1) Any active or honorably retired peace officer, as defined inChapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 830) of Title 3 of Part 2.

16 (2) Any active or honorably retired federal officer or law 17 enforcement agent.

18 (3) Any reserve peace officer, as defined in Section 832.6.

(4) Any person who has successfully completed the course oftraining specified in Section 832.

(5) A firearms dealer licensed pursuant to Sections 26700 to
26915, inclusive, who is acting in the course and scope of that
person's activities as a person licensed pursuant to Sections 26700
to 26915, inclusive.

(6) A federally licensed collector who is acquiring or being
loaned a handgun *firearm* that is a curio or relic, as defined in
Section 478.11 of Title 27 of the Code of Federal Regulations,
who has a current certificate of eligibility issued by the department
pursuant to Section 26710.

30 (7) A person to whom a handgun *firearm* is being returned, 31 where the person receiving the firearm is the owner of the firearm.

32 (8) A family member of a peace officer or deputy sheriff from
33 a local agency who receives a firearm pursuant to Section 50081
34 of the Government Code.

(9) Any individual who has a valid concealed weapons permit
issued pursuant to Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 26150)
of Division 5.

38 (10) An active, or honorably retired member of the United States

39 Armed Forces, the National Guard, the Air National Guard, the

40 active reserve components of the United States, where individuals

1 in those organizations are properly identified. For purposes of this

2 section, proper identification includes the Armed Forces
3 Identification Card, or other written documentation certifying that
4 the individual is an active or honorably retired member.

5 (11) Any person who is authorized to carry loaded firearms 6 pursuant to Section 26025 or 26030.

(12) Persons who are the holders of a special weapons permit
issued by the department pursuant to Section 32650 or 33300,
pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section 18900) of Chapter

10 1 of Division 5 of Title 2, or pursuant to Article 4 (commencing11 with Section 32700) of Chapter 6 of this division.

(b) The following persons who take title or possession of a

13 handgun firearm by operation of law in a representative capacity,

14 until or unless they transfer title ownership of the handgun firearm

15 to themselves in a personal capacity, are exempted from the 16 handgun *firearm* safety certificate requirement in subdivision (a)

17 of Section 31615:

18 (1) The executor or administrator of an estate.

19 (2) A secured creditor or an agent or employee thereof when

the firearms are possessed as collateral for, or as a result of, or an agent or employee thereof when the firearms are possessed as collateral for, or as a result of, a default under a security agreement

23 under the Commercial Code.

(3) A levying officer, as defined in Section 481.140, 511.060,
or 680.260 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

26 (4) A receiver performing the functions of a receiver.

27 (5) A trustee in bankruptcy performing the duties of a trustee.

(6) An assignee for the benefit of creditors performing thefunctions of an assignee.

30 SEC. 22. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant

31 to Section 6 of Article XIIIB of the California Constitution because

the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or schooldistrict will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or

34 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty

35 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of

36 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within

37 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California

38 Constitution.

39 SECTION 1. Section 26525 of the Penal Code is amended to
 40 read:

- 1 26525. (a) Section 26500 does not apply to the sale, lease, or
- 2 transfer of used firearms, other than handguns, at gun shows or
- 3 events, as specified in Article 1 (commencing with Section 26700)
- 4 and Article 2 (commencing with Section 26800) of Chapter 2, by
- 5 a person other than a licensee or dealer, provided the person has
- a valid federal firearms license and a current certificate of eligibility
 issued by the Department of Justice, as specified in Section 26710.
- 7 issued by the Department of Justice, as specified in Section 26710,
 8 and provided all the sales, leases, or transfers fully comply with
- 9 Section 27545. However, the person shall not sell, lease, or transfer
- 10 used firearms other than handguns at more than 12 gun shows or
- events in any calendar year and shall not sell, lease, or transfer
- 12 more than 15 used firearms other than handguns at any single gun
- 13 show or event. In no event shall the person sell more than 75 used
- 14 firearms other than handguns in any calendar year.
- 15 (b) The Department of Justice shall adopt regulations to
- 16 administer this program and shall recover the full costs of
- 17 administration from fees assessed applicants.

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