

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
TITLE 11. LAW
DIVISION 5. FIREARMS REGULATIONS
CHAPTER 1. BUREAU OF FIREARMS FEES
AND
CHAPTER 4. DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR FIREARMS AND
AMMUNITION ELIGIBILITY CHECKS
AND
CHAPTER 39. ASSAULT WEAPONS AND LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

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****The Department of Justice (Department) has scheduled a public hearing on August 17, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. and extended the deadline to submit written comments to August 17, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.****

The Department of Justice proposes to amend section 4002 of Title 11, Division 5, Chapter 1, section 4045.1 of Title 11, Division 5, Chapter 4 and section 5478 of Title 11, Division 5, Chapter 39 of the California Code of Regulations concerning self-reporting firearm ownership fees and forms.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Department received a timely request for a public hearing. The Department will hold a virtual public hearing to provide all interested persons an opportunity to present statements or arguments, either orally or in writing, with respect to the proposed regulations, as follows:

Monday, August 17, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. Pacific Time

Online via Zoom

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://doj-ca.zoomgov.com/j/1653350274>

Or Telephone:

1 (669) 254-5252

1 (669) 216-1590

Webinar ID: 165 335 0274

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Any interested person or their authorized representative may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action. The written comment period has been extended and closes on

August 17, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Only written comments received by that time will be considered. Submit written comments to:

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NOTE: Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Authority: Sections 27560, 27565, 27875, 27920, 27966, 28000, 28060, 28100, 28155, 28215 28220 and 30900, Penal Code.

Reference: Sections 832.15, 832.16, 13511.5, 16400, 18900, 18905, 23000, 26150, 26155, 26170, 26710, 26815, 27540, 27560, 27565, 27875, 27920, 27966, 28000, 28160, 28215, 28220, 28250, 29182, 29500, 30105, 30370, 30515, 30900, 31000, 31005, 32650, 32655, 32700, 32705, 32710, 32715, 33300, 33305 and 33850, Penal Code; Section 12101, Health and Safety Code; and Section 922, Title 18, United States Code.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

Summary of Existing Laws and Regulations:

Prior to the passage of Assembly Bill No. 3064 (2023-2024 Reg. Sess.) (AB 3064), existing law required any person, within 60 days of bringing a firearm into the state, to mail or personally deliver to the Department a report, as prescribed by the Department, describing the firearm and providing personal information.

Existing law requires any sale, loan, or transfer of a firearm to be processed through a licensed firearms dealer. Existing law exempts from this requirement the transfer of certain firearms that are curios or relics to a licensed firearm collector, and certain transfers made by gift, bequest, intestate succession, or operation of law. Existing law requires a person who receives a firearm pursuant to these provisions, within 30 days after taking possession, to submit to the Department of Justice a report, as prescribed by the Department, describing the firearm and providing personal information. Existing law also requires a collector who imports such a firearm into the state to submit a report to the Department.

Existing law, Penal Code section 28230, allows the Department to charge a fee sufficient to reimburse it for the actual costs of processing these reports. The fees are set at \$14, except that

the fee may be increased at a rate not to exceed any increase in the California Consumer Price Index.

AB 3064 authorizes the Department to charge a fee for the processing of these forms, and an additional fee for each additional firearm. The Department may annually review and adjust this fee to fully fund, but not exceed, its costs. (Pen. Code, §§ 27560, subd. (a)(2), 27565, subd. (c), 27875, subd. (d), 27920, subd. (g), 27966, subd. (g), 28000, subd. (d).)

AB 3064 also authorizes the Department to request photographs of the firearm to determine if the firearm is a generally prohibited weapon, assault weapon, or machinegun, or is otherwise prohibited. (Pen. Code, §§ 27560, subd. (a)(1)(A), 27565, subd. (d), 27875, subd. (e), 27920, subd. (h), 27966, subd. (h), 28000, subd. (g).)

Effect of the Proposed Rulemaking:

The proposed regulation raises the fee for firearm self-reporting forms from \$19.00 to \$31.00 and imposes a processing fee of \$5.00 for each subsequent firearm reported thereafter. The regulation also updates the form instructions consistent with AB 3064.

Anticipated Benefits of the Proposed Regulations:

Raising the fee for firearm ownership self-reporting forms from \$19.00 to \$31.00 and imposing a processing fee of \$5.00 for each subsequent firearm reported thereafter will help cover the Department's reasonable regulatory and enforcement costs for processing self-reporting forms, helping ensure timely review, accurate records, and continued oversight of firearm ownership consistent with statutory requirements.

Comparable Federal Regulations:

There are no existing federal regulations or statutes comparable to the proposed regulations.

Determination of Inconsistency/Incompatibility with Existing State Regulations:

The Department has determined that the proposed regulations are not inconsistent or incompatible with existing state regulations. After conducting a review for any regulations that would relate to or affect this area, the Department has concluded that these are the only regulations that concern firearm self-reporting forms.

Forms Incorporated by Reference:

Firearm Ownership Report, BOF 4542A, Rev. 04/2026

Report of Operation of Law or Intra-Familial Firearm Transaction, BOF 4544A, Rev. 04/2026

New Resident Report of Firearm Ownership, BOF 4010A, Rev. 04/2026

Curio or Relic Firearm Report, BOF 4100A, Rev. 4/2026

Collector In-State Acquisition of Curio or Relic Long Gun Report, BOF 961, Rev. 04/2026

Materials Relied Upon:

None.

Other Statutory Requirements:

None.

DISCLOSURES REGARDING THE PROPOSED ACTION

The Department has made the following initial determinations:

Mandate on local agencies or school districts: None.

Cost or savings to any state agency: Using 2024 transactions as an estimate, the Department estimates that raising the fees will increase the Department's annual fee revenue by \$295,538.00 per year. The increased revenue will be used to fund the Department's costs to process firearm ownership self-reporting forms.

Cost to any local agency or school district which must be reimbursed in accordance with Government Code sections 17500 through 17630: None.

Other non-discretionary costs or savings imposed on local agencies: None.

Cost or savings in federal funding to the state: None.

Cost impacts on representative person or business: The cost to an individual depends on the number of firearms reported. The cost of a single report is increased by \$12.00, with an additional \$5.00 fee for each additional firearm reported.

Significant effect on housing costs: None.

Significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including ability to compete: The Department has made an initial determination that the proposed action will not have a significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

Results of the Economic Impact Assessment (EIA):

The Department concludes that it is (1) unlikely that the proposal will create or eliminate jobs within the state, (2) unlikely that the proposal will create new businesses or eliminate existing

businesses within the state, (3) unlikely that the proposal will result in the expansion of businesses currently doing business within the state.

The Department also concludes that:

(1) The proposal would benefit the health and welfare of California residents because these fees will reimburse the Department's costs for processing firearm self-reporting forms, helping ensure timely review, accurate records, and continued oversight of firearm ownership consistent with statutory requirements.

(2) The proposal would not benefit worker safety because it does not regulate worker safety standards.

(3) The proposal would not benefit the state's environment because it does not change any applicable environmental standards.

Business Report Requirement: None.

Small Business Determination: The Department has determined that the proposed action does not affect small businesses.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

In accordance with Government Code section 11346.5, subdivision (a)(13), the Department must determine that no reasonable alternative considered by the Department or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the Department would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

Raising the fees is necessary to cover the Department's reasonable and actual costs of processing the firearm ownership self-reporting forms.

CONTACT PERSONS

Inquiries concerning the proposed administrative action may be directed to:

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Questions regarding procedure, comments, or the substance of the proposed action should be addressed to the above contact person. In the event the contact person is unavailable, inquiries regarding the proposed action may be directed to the following backup contact person:

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AVAILABILITY OF STATEMENT OF REASONS, TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS, AND RULEMAKING FILE

The Department will have the entire rulemaking file available for inspection and copying throughout the rulemaking process at its office at the above address. As of the date this notice is published in the Notice Register, the rulemaking file consists of this Notice, the text of the proposed regulations (the “express terms” of the regulations), the revised forms incorporated by reference, the Initial Statement of Reasons, and any information upon which the proposed rulemaking is based. The text of the Notice, the express terms, the revised forms, the Initial Statement of Reasons, and any information upon which the proposed rulemaking is based are available at the Department’s website at <https://oag.ca.gov/firearms/regs>. Please refer to the contact information listed above to obtain copies of these documents.

AVAILABILITY OF CHANGED OR MODIFIED TEXT

After the Department analyzes all timely and relevant comments received during the 45-day public comment period, the Department will either adopt the regulations substantially as described in this notice or make modifications based on the comments. If the Department makes modifications which are sufficiently related to the originally proposed text, it will make the modified text (with the changes clearly indicated) available to the public for at least 15 days before the Department adopts the regulations as revised. Please send requests for copies of any modified regulations to the attention of the name and address indicated above. The Department will accept written comments on the modified regulations for 15 days after the date on which they are made available.

AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Upon its completion, a copy of the Final Statement of Reasons will be available on the Department’s website at <https://oag.ca.gov/firearms/regs>. Please refer to the contact information included above to obtain a written copy of the Final Statement of Reasons.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS ON THE INTERNET

Copies of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the express terms, the revised forms, the Initial Statement of Reasons, and any information upon which the proposed rulemaking is based are available on the Department's website at <https://oag.ca.gov/firearms/regs>.