

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

**TITLE 11. LAW
DIVISION 5. FIREARMS REGULATIONS
CHAPTER 10. AMMUNITION**

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The Department of Justice (Department) proposes to amend section 4260 of Title 11, Division 5, Chapter 10 of the California Code of Regulations concerning ammunition vendor license applications.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Department has not scheduled a public hearing on this proposed regulatory action. However, the Department will hold a hearing if it receives a written request for a public hearing from any interested person, or their authorized representative, no later than 15 days before the close of the written comment period.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Any interested person or their authorized representative may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action. The written comment period closes on **June 16, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.** Only written comments received by that time will be considered. Please 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 30385 and 30395, Penal Code.

Reference: Sections 26700, 30342, 30385, and 30395, Penal Code.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

Summary of Existing Laws and Regulations:

An ammunition purchase or transfer completed in the state of California must be conducted through a licensed ammunition vendor unless otherwise exempted. (Pen. Code, § 30342.) Licenses are issued by the Department. (Pen. Code, § 30385.) Previously, applicants for ammunition vendor licenses were required to provide a copy of any regulatory or business license required by local government, a valid seller's permit issued by the State Board of Equalization, a federal firearms license if the person is federally licensed, and a certificate of eligibility issued by the Department. (Pen. Code, § 30395, subd. (a).)

Assembly Bill (AB) 28 (stats. 2023, ch. 231) amended Penal Code section 30395, subdivision (a), to require applicants for ammunition vendor licenses to provide a copy of each of the following documents to the Department in order to obtain a license: any regulatory or business license required by local government; a valid seller's permit issued by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code section 6067; a valid certificate of registration issued pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code section 36036; a valid federal firearms license if the person is so licensed; and a certificate of eligibility issued by the Department.

Effect of the Proposed Rulemaking:

The proposed regulation updates the procedures for persons applying to become licensed ammunition vendors in California and for persons applying for renewal of their ammunition vendor license. The Application for Ammunition Vendor License (Non-Firearms Dealer), form BOF 1021, and the Ammunition Vendor License Renewal Fee Transmittal, form BOF/CAV-0012, have been updated to conform to the revisions of Penal Code section 30395, subdivision (a) made by AB 28.

Anticipated Benefits of the Proposed Regulations:

The proposed regulation updates the procedure for persons applying to become licensed ammunition vendors in California and for persons applying for renewal of their ammunition vendor license. This regulation protects public safety by implementing statutory requirements concerning documentation the Department requires before issuing or renewing an ammunition vendor license to an eligible applicant.

The proposed regulatory action would provide for compliance with recent statutory changes, and consistency among Department forms. Penal Code section 30395 requires applicants for an ammunition vendor license to provide a copy of a valid CDTFA seller's permit and valid certificate of registration, and the proposed regulatory action would incorporate these requirements into the form BOF 1021 and form BOF/CAV-0012. Also, the amendment of the form BOF 1021 and form BOF/CAV-0012 to require applicants to provide vendor physical location type information would provide for consistency between the form BOF 1021, form BOF/CAV-0012 and form BOF 4080, Application for Centralized List of Firearms Dealers,

which already requires said information. The information would aid Field Representatives in planning their inspections in terms of scheduling, availability, resource allocation, and access considerations, providing for better situational awareness and making inspections more structured and efficient.

Comparable Federal Regulations:

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

Determination of Inconsistency/Incompatibility with Existing State Regulations:

The Department has determined that these 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 initial and renewal ammunition vendor license application requirements.

Forms Incorporated by Reference:

1. Application for Ammunition Vendor License (Non-Firearms Dealer), form BOF 1021 (Rev. 03/2026) - ADOPT
2. Application for Ammunition Vendor License (Non-Firearms Dealer), form BOF 1021 (Rev. 12/2019) - REPEAL
3. Ammunition Vendor License Renewal Fee Transmittal, form BOF/CAV-0012 (Rev. 03/2026) - ADOPT
4. Ammunition Vendor License Renewal Fee Transmittal, form BOF/CAV-0012 (Orig. 01/2018) - REPEAL

Other Statutory Requirements:

None.

DISCLOSURES REGARDING THE PROPOSED ACTION

The Department's Initial Determinations:

Mandate on local agencies or school districts: None.

Cost or savings to any state agency: None.

Cost to any local agency or school district that 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 Department is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

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, and (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 by updating the applications for persons applying to become licensed ammunition vendors in California or for persons applying for renewal of their ammunition vendor license. Form BOF 1021, the Application for Ammunition Vendor License (Non-Firearms Dealer), and form BOF/CAV-0012, the Department of Justice Ammunition Vendor License Renewal Fee Transmittal, have been updated to comply with statutory changes mandated by AB 28.

(2) The proposal will benefit worker safety by helping ensure the safety of Department Field Representatives. The physical location type information will aid said personnel in planning their inspections in terms of scheduling, availability, resource allocation, and access considerations, providing for better situational awareness and making inspections more structured and efficient.

(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 this proposed action affects small businesses. Requiring ammunition vendor applicants to apply and renew their license via the prescribed forms is the easiest way to make sure that the vendor provides all required information. Ammunition vendors are already familiar with completing these forms.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

Government Code section 11346.5, subdivision (a)(13), requires that 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.

The Department has determined that the proposed regulation is the most effective way for ammunition vendor license applicants and current ammunition vendor license holders to provide required information to the Department. Individuals are already familiar with submitting the form BOF 1021 and the form BOF/CAV-0012 to the Department when applying to become a licensed ammunition vendor in California or renewing their ammunition vendor license. Updating the forms to comply with statutory changes mandated by AB 28 is the least burdensome method to ensure ammunition vendor license applicants and those renewing their license provide all required information to the Department.

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 upon request to the contact person above. As of the date this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Notice) is published in the Notice Register, the rulemaking file consists of this Notice, the Text of Proposed Regulations (the “express terms” of the regulations), the forms incorporated by reference, the Initial Statement of Reasons, and any information upon which the proposed rulemaking is based. The text of this Notice, the express terms, the forms incorporated by reference, 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>. 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 these regulations substantially as described in this notice or make modifications based on the comments. If the Department makes modifications that 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 forms incorporated by reference, 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>.