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**LEGISLATIVE ALERT!!!**

**IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED IN OPPOSITION TO THE  
FOLLOWING FOUR BILLS!!**

The below listed bills opposed by SCI are currently moving through the legislative process. Your immediate action is needed to help **stop these bills from passing!** All legislative action must take place before the legislature recesses on September 9, and voting on these bills could occur as early as next week!

**Please contact your Assembly Members and Senators right away in opposition to these bills. It is critical that members of the legislature hear from you as soon as possible so that they will know the importance of voting “No”. Many are newly elected to the legislature, and they need the guidance of their constituents and other members of the public.**

**Bill 1 to Oppose**

**AB 809 (Feuer) Firearms** - Would require **registration** with the Department of Justice of all rifle and shotgun sales, and other transfers, making the Department’s registry of information about rifles and shotguns, and their owners, the same as for handguns.

***Position: Oppose; Location: Senate Floor.***

**Bill 2 to Oppose**

**SB 427 (De León) Ammunition** – Existing law (AB 962, declared in court to be unconstitutionally vague) requires handgun ammunition vendors, when selling or otherwise transferring ownership of any handgun ammunition, to keep a registry of personal information about the purchaser or transferee.

SB 427 is an attempt to help resolve the unconstitutionally vague provisions of AB 962 and to add new provisions affecting purchasers and retailers of handgun ammunition.

AB 962 provides that the delivery or transfer of ownership of handgun ammunition may only occur in a face-to-face transaction with the deliverer or transferor being provided bona fide evidence of identity from the purchaser or other transferee.

This bill would further provide that handgun ammunition may be purchased over the internet or through other means of remote ordering only if a handgun ammunition vendor in California initially receives the ammunition and registers the transfer.

SB 427 was recently amended to define handgun ammunition for purposes of the handgun ammunition buyer's registry by creating a list of calibers of various popular handgun cartridges, several of which are also rifle calibers. *Position: Oppose; Location: Assembly Floor.*

**Please note that Bill 1 is on the Senate Floor, and Bill 2 is on Assembly Floor. However, these bills when passed will go back to their house of origin. Accordingly, please use one phone call to your own Assembly Member and Senator to oppose both bills!**

### **Bill 3 to Oppose**

**SB 819 (Leno) Firearms** – Would allow the firearms buyer's background check money (DROS Fee) to be used to fund the Department of Justice's firearms-related regulatory and enforcement activities dealing with the illegal possession of firearms by persons not lawfully eligible to possess them. This would be a misuse of the DROS fee. It is intended to fund the background check for prospective firearms purchasers, not to track down other people who are illegally possessing firearms! *Position: Oppose; Location: Assembly Floor.*

**Bill 3 is on Assembly Floor. Please call your own Assembly Member to oppose this bill!**

### **THE FOLLOWING IS LEGISLATORS CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE ABOVE BILLS:**

#### **WEBSITE FOR ASSEMBLY MEMBERS CONTACT INFORMATION:**

<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/asm-addresses.html>

#### **WEBSITE FOR SENATOR'S CONTACT INFORMATION:**

<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/sen-addresses.html>

#### **TO LOCATE YOUR ASSEMBLYMEMBER/SENATOR BY YOUR ZIPCODE:**

Please go to <http://192.234.213.69/amapsearch/framepage.asp>.

Scroll down the map of California and enter your street address, city and zip code in the boxes below; click on "Find". Your assembly member and contact information will then be available.

### **Bill 4 to Oppose**

**SB 798 (De León) Imitation firearms: regulation** – Originally would have required Airsoft, BB and Pellet guns to be brightly colored in their entirety, just like toys.

The bill failed passage in the Assembly Committee on Public Safety, largely because federal law preempts state laws affecting airsoft, paintball, BB, and pellet guns (BB devices).

Reconsideration was granted by the committee, and the bill was subsequently amended in an attempt to get around the federal preemption issue.

All previous language was stricken from the bill and, in its place, a repeal of the state preemption over local laws dealing with the manufacture, sale, and possession of BB devices was inserted. If passed in this form, each local government could adopt different ordinances governing the above, except for coloration, identification marks, and a prohibition on sales to adults, which are federally preempted.

Recently, SB 798 was further amended to exempt paint ball guns from local regulation, but not airsoft, BB, or pellet guns. As currently amended, it would thus provide a marketing advantage to paint ball over the other BB devices.

The good news is that this bill was re-referred back to the Assembly Public Safety Committee from the Assembly Floor, which has slowed down its progress through the Legislature.

***Position: Oppose; Status: Referred by the Assembly Floor back to the Assembly Public Safety Committee for another hearing due to the paint ball gun amendments.***

***No hearing has been granted yet. If the bill is to progress, it must be heard prior to September 9, the end of session. Please contact one of the members of the Assembly Public Safety Committee if you live in his/her district to make sure SB 798 stays in this committee!***

**PLEASE CONTACT ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY MEMBERS IN OPPOSITION TO BILL 4:**

**COMMITTEE CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Democratic Assemblymembers:**

*Chair:* Tom Ammiano (San Francisco) 916-319-2013

Gilbert Cedillo (Los Angeles) 916-319-2045

Jerry Hill (South San Francisco) 916-319-2019

Holly Mitchell (Los Angeles) 916-319-2047

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*Vice-Chair:* Stephen Knight (Lancaster) 916-319-2036

Curt Hagman (Chino Hills) 916-319-2060

**Some GOOD news: SB 124 (de Leon) Ammunition, discussed in the last Crosshairs Legislative Alert, was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on August 25 and has now become a two-year bill.**

**Thank you for contacting you legislators and helping to protect our hunting, guns and Second Amendment Rights!!**