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TO: All District Agricultural Association CEOs and Board Chairs  
SUBJECT: SB 915 - Prohibition of Sale of Firearms on State Property

This letter is to announce that on July 21, 2022, Governor Newsom signed SB 915. This bill prohibits the sale of firearms, firearm precursor parts, and ammunition on state property, as specified.

SB 915 was signed together with seven other gun safety laws, including AB 311, which prohibits the sale of firearm precursor parts on the property of the 22<sup>nd</sup> DAA, the Del Mar Fairgrounds, and AB 1769, which prohibits the sale of any firearm, firearm precursor part or ammunition on the property of the 31<sup>st</sup> DAA, the Ventura County Fair and Event Center. To see the full list of new gun safety laws signed by the Governor, please [click here](#) to read the announcement from the Governor's Office.

**SB 915 added Section 1. Section 27573 to the Penal Code, to read:**

*27573. (a) A state officer or employee, or operator, lessee, or licensee of any state property, shall not contract for, authorize, or allow the sale of any firearm, firearm precursor part, or ammunition on state property or in the buildings that sit on state property or property otherwise owned, leased, occupied, or operated by the state.*

*(b) This section does not apply to any of the following:*

*(1) A gun buyback event held by a law enforcement agency.*

*(2) The sale of a firearm by a public administrator, public conservator, or public guardian within the course of their duties.*

*(3) The sale of a firearm, firearm precursor part, or ammunition on state property that occurs pursuant to a contract that was entered into before January 1, 2023.*

*(4) The purchase of firearms, firearm precursor parts, or ammunition on state property by a law enforcement agency in the course of its regular duties.*

*(5) The sale or purchase of a firearm pursuant to subdivision (b) or (c) of Section 10334 of the Public Contract Code.*

*SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or*

*infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.*



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If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Pelle, at 916-900-5368.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Francesconi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mike Francesconi  
Branch Chief

Enclosure

# Governor Newsom Signs New Measures to Protect Californians from Gun Violence

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SACRAMENTO- Moving to bolster California's nation-leading gun safety laws, Governor Gavin Newsom today announced that he has signed additional legislation to protect Californians, including measures to improve school campus safety, restrict gun possession by people convicted of child abuse or elder abuse, and better regulate the sale of firearms.

Governor Newsom recently signed AB 1594, which allows the state, local governments and Californians to sue irresponsible gunmakers for the harm caused by their products, as well as AB 2571, which prohibits marketing of firearms to minors, and AB 1621 to further restrict ghost guns. The Governor has also sponsored SB 1327. Private right of action legislation to limit the spread of assault weapons and ghost guns.

"California has the toughest gun safety laws in the nation, but none of us can afford to be complacent in tackling the gun violence crisis ravaging our country," said Governor Newsom. "These new measures will help keep children safe at school, keep guns out of the hands of dangerous people and responsibly regulate the sale of firearms in our communities. California will continue to lead on lifesaving policies that provide a model for action by other states and the nation."

A full list of today's bills is below:

- **AB 228 by Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez (D-Chino)** – Requires the Department of Justice, beginning January 1, 2024, to conduct inspections of dealers at least every three years, except for a dealer whose place of business is located in a jurisdiction that has adopted an inspection program.
- **AB 311 by Assemblymember Christopher Ward (D-San Diego)** – Prohibits the sale of firearm precursor parts on the property of the 22<sup>nd</sup> District Agricultural Association, the Del Mar Fairgrounds.
- **AB 1769 by Assemblymember Steve Bennett (D-Ventura)** – Prohibits the sale of any firearm, firearm precursor part, or ammunition on the property of the 31<sup>st</sup> District Agricultural Association, the Ventura County Fair and Event Center.
- **Ab 1842 by Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez (D-Chino)** – Prohibits licensed firearms dealers from charging more than 5 percent of the purchase price of the firearms as a restocking or other returned-related fee when the purchased of the firearm is canceled by the buyer within 10 days of the application, with an exception for special order firearms.
- **AB 2156 by Assemblymember Buffy Wicks (D-Oakland)** – Expands the prohibitions on the manufacture of firearms without a state license including reducing the number of guns a person may manufacture without a license and

prohibiting the use of a three-dimensional printer to manufacture any firearm without a license.

- **AB 2239 by Assemblymember Brian Maienschein (D- San Diego)** – Creates a 10-year prohibition on the possession of firearms for individuals convicted of child abuse or elder abuse.
- **SB 906 by Senator Anthony Portantino (D-La Cañada Flintridge)** – Requires local educational agencies to annually provide information to parents about California's child access prevention laws and laws relating to the safe storage of firearms; requires school officials to report to law enforcement any threat or perceived threat of a homicidal act; and requires law enforcement or the school police to conduct an investigation and threat assessment, including a review of the Department of Justice's firearm registry and a search of the school and/or student's property by law enforcement or school police, if certain conditions are met.
- **SB 915 by Senator Dave Min (D-Costa mesa)** – Prohibits the sale of firearms, firearm precursor parts and ammunition on state property, as specified.

According to the Giffords Law Center, in 2021, California was ranked as the top state in the nation for gun safety. As California strengthened its gun laws, the state saw a 37 percent lower gun death rate than the national average. Meanwhile, other states such as Florida and Texas, with lax gun regulations, saw double-digit increases in the rate of gun deaths. As a result of the actions taken by California, the state has cut its gun death rate in half and Californians are 25 percent less likely to die in a mass shooting compared to other states.

Last month, Governor Newsom announced a record \$156 million in gun violence prevention grants provided as part of the California Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program (CalVIP). The Funding will support 79 cities and nonprofit organizations that are implementing anti-violence programs suited to the unique needs of their communities.