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### GOVERNOR VETOES 7 GUN BILLS, SIGNS 11

Governor Jerry Brown handed the gun owners of California a mixed bag on Friday, October 13, but the overall results of his actions on the 18 gun bills on his desk were generally positive for the law-abiding gun owners of California. See results of his actions on page 2.

- The rabidly anti-gun California Assembly and Senate started the 2013 Legislative Session by introducing over forty anti-gun bills. Some observers felt they were trying to make a statement in the wake of the tragic Sandy Hook school shooting in Connecticut. Others thought the legislators were attempting to take advantage of the anti-gun hysteria that gripped the country during the months following the shootings and introduced every restrictive gun law they could conceive of. The result of the mania that gripped California's Democrat legislators was over forty radically restrictive laws which would have impacted lawful gun owners in California for decades to come. The Legislature ultimately passed 18 bills and sent them to Governor Jerry Brown for his signature. Gov. Brown took a much less radical posture on the gun bills and vetoed seven of the most restrictive measures.



### GOVERNOR BROWN SAYS NO TO COW PALACE GUN SHOW CLOSURE BILL

On Friday, Oct. 11, Gov. Brown vetoed a bill authored by state Sen. Mark Leno that would have required the Cow Palace Board of Directors to obtain permission from San Francisco and San Mateo county authorities for gun shows at the Cow Palace, a state-owned District Agricultural Association (DAA) property.

In his veto letter, he sent a strong message to the anti-gun Legislature. The bill, if he had signed it, would have ended gun shows at the Cow Palace, and likely would have been extended next year to prohibit gun shows in all state-owned facilities. The State of California owns almost all of the major venues where Crossroads gun shows are held in California, including Del Mar Fair, Orange County Fairgrounds, Ventura County Fairgrounds and the California State Fairgrounds, Cal Expo.

"I encourage all District Agricultural Associations to work with their local communities when determining their operations and events," Brown said in his veto message for the bill.

"This bill, however, totally pre-empts the Board of Directors at the Cow Palace from exercising its contracting authority whenever a gun show is involved," Brown said. "I prefer to leave these decisions to the sound discretion of the board."



## • CALIFORNIA GUN BILLS •

### SIGNED

SB127 by Sen. Ted Gaines, R-Rocklin -- Requires a licensed psychotherapist whose patient makes a serious threat of violence against a reasonably identifiable victim or victims to report that threat to local police within one day; police must then notify the state Justice Department within a day of receiving the report.

SB363 by Sen. Roderick Wright, D-Los Angeles -- Expands the crime of "criminal storage" to include keeping a loaded firearm within premises where a prohibited person is likely to gain access and actually accesses and causes injury.

SB683 by Sen. Marty Block, D-San Diego -- Require owners of long guns to earn safety certificates like those already required of handgun owners.

AB48 by Assemblywoman Nancy Skinner, D-Berkeley -- Bans conversion kits that allow people to turn regular magazines into high-capacity magazines.

AB170 by Assemblyman Steven Bradford, D-Gardena -- Provides that only an individual person, not an organization, may be issued a permit to possess an assault weapon, .50 BMG rifle or machine gun.

AB231 by Assemblyman Phil Ting, D-San Francisco -- Makes it a crime to leave a loaded firearm somewhere a child is likely to be able to get it without permission.

AB500 by Assemblyman Tom Ammiano, D-San Francisco -- Would tighten gun safety laws on safe storage to include households where someone is prohibited from owning a gun; also allows additional time for Department of Justice background checks.

AB538 by Assemblyman Richard Pan, D-Sacramento -- Requires a licensed firearm dealer to provide copies of the dealer's record of sale to a firearm purchaser at the time of delivery.

AB539 by Pan -- Lets someone who's temporarily prohibited from owning or possessing a firearm to transfer firearms in his or her possession or ownership to a licensed firearms dealer for storage.

AB711 by Assemblyman Anthony Rendon, D-South Gate -- Bans use of lead ammunition in hunting by mid-2019.

AB1131 by Skinner -- Extends from six months to five years the prohibition from owning firearms for those who have described a credible violent threat to a psychotherapist.

### VETOED

SB299 by Sen. Mark DeSaulnier, D-Concord -- Would have required gun owners to report a gun theft or loss to police within seven days of knowing about it.

SB374 by Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, D-Sacramento -- Would have added all semi-automatic rifles with detachable magazines to the state's list of banned assault weapons.

SB475 by Sen. Mark Leno, D-San Francisco -- Would have essentially banned gun shows at the Cow Palace by requiring they be approved by San Francisco and San Mateo supervisors.

SB567 by Sen. Hannah Beth Jackson, D-Santa Barbara -- Would have updated the definition of an illegal shotgun to include a shotgun with a revolving cylinder and a rifled bore.

SB755 by Sen. Lois Wolk, D-Vacaville -- Would have expanded list of convicts who can't legally own guns to include those with multiple drug or alcohol crimes, street gang members and others.

AB169 by Assemblyman Roger Dickinson, D-Sacramento -- Would have tightened exemptions to the law prohibiting purchase of handguns that haven't been tested and deemed safe by the state.

AB180 by Assemblyman Rob Bonta, D-Oakland -- Would have given Oakland an exemption from state pre-emption so it can pass its own stricter gun registration or licensing statutes.

## BROWN VETOES SEMI-AUTO BAN AND REGISTRATION

Gov. Jerry Brown on Friday vetoed seven bills that would have imposed even further restrictions on gun ownership, including the sale of semiautomatic rifles and the registration of existing semi-auto firearms which are legally owned.

One of the most significant of the bills that were vetoed was SB374 by Senate President Darrell Steinberg, a Democrat from Sacramento. The bill would have added all semi-automatic rifles with detachable magazines to the state's list of banned assault weapons.

Additionally, it would have required owners of lawfully-owned semi-auto firearms to register their guns with the State of California. In his veto message, Brown said California already has some of the nation's strictest gun laws and that this bill would, if it became law, impose further restrictions on California's law-abiding gun owners without having any effect on the criminal misuse of firearms.

"I don't believe that this bill's blanket ban on semi-automatic rifles would reduce criminal activity or enhance public safety enough to warrant this infringement on gun owners' rights," the governor wrote.

Brown's decision and subsequent veto of the semi-auto ban and registration was a breath of fresh air to gun owners in California, and a welcome voice of sanity amid the cacophony of screeching anti-gun voices in California's Democrat-controlled legislature.

