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SENATE BILL

No. 38

Introduced by Senator De León

December 5, 2012

An act to add Section 30009 to the Penal Code, relating to firearms.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 38, as amended, De León. Firearms: prohibited persons.

Existing law requires the Attorney General to establish and maintain an online database, known as the Prohibited Armed Persons File, to cross-reference persons who have ownership or possession of a firearm and who, subsequent to the date of that ownership or possession, became a person who is prohibited from owning or possessing a firearm.

This bill would, no later than July 1, 2014, require the Department of Justice to establish a 15-day amnesty period during which a person prohibited from possessing a firearm may surrender his or her firearms to a local law enforcement agency without being charged with illegal possession of a firearm, except as specified. *The bill would require the department to provide written notification of the amnesty period to prohibited persons who are eligible to participate in the amnesty period, and would require the notification to include certain information.* The bill would require a local law enforcement agency that receives a firearm from a prohibited person during the amnesty period to report specified information to the department *and to sell or destroy surrendered firearms, as provided.* The bill would require the department to use the specified information to create a record of each surrendered firearm in the Prohibited Armed Persons File. The bill would also impose a civil fine *of up to \$2,500 per firearm on a person prohibited from possessing*

a firearm who still maintains possession of his or her ~~firearms~~ *firearm* after the amnesty period. The bill would ~~authorize the department to conduct a public awareness campaign in conjunction with local law enforcement to promote the amnesty period, as specified.~~ *specify that the civil penalty shall not apply to a prohibited person who provides evidence satisfactory to the department that he or she lawfully surrendered his or her firearm prior to the commencement of the amnesty period. Because this bill would impose additional duties on local law enforcement agencies, this bill would create a state-mandated local program.*

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 30009 is added to the Penal Code, to
2 read:
3 30009. (a) In order to reduce the number of firearms possessed
4 by prohibited persons listed in the Prohibited Armed Persons File,
5 a 15-day amnesty period shall be established, commencing on a
6 date to be determined by the Department of Justice but not later
7 than July 1, 2014, during which a person prohibited from
8 possessing a firearm may surrender his or her firearms to a local
9 law enforcement agency without being charged with illegal
10 possession of firearms, as provided in subdivision ~~(d)~~ (e). No
11 person convicted of a felony shall be permitted to participate in
12 the amnesty period.
13 (b) *The department shall provide written notification of the*
14 *amnesty period to all prohibited persons eligible to participate in*
15 *the amnesty period by first-class mail no later than 60 calendar*
16 *days prior to the commencement of the amnesty period. The*
17 *notification shall specify the firearms possessed by the prohibited*

1 *person and provide instructions for the surrender of the illegal*
2 *firearms.*

3 ~~(b)~~

4 (c) For each instance in which a local law enforcement agency
5 receives a firearm from a prohibited person during the amnesty
6 period described in subdivision (a), the agency shall submit to the
7 department the following information:

8 (1) The name of the prohibited person who surrendered the
9 firearm.

10 (2) The person's date of birth.

11 (3) A description of the firearm or firearms surrendered.

12 (4) The serial number of the firearm or firearms surrendered.

13 (5) Any other information deemed necessary by the department.

14 ~~(e)~~

15 (d) The department shall enter the information received pursuant
16 to subdivision~~(b)~~ (c) in the Prohibited Armed Persons File to create
17 a record of each firearm surrendered during the amnesty period.

18 ~~(d)~~

19 (e) A prohibited person who surrenders a firearm pursuant to
20 subdivision (a) shall not be charged with illegal possession of
21 firearms for any firearm the department has on record as having
22 been surrendered pursuant to subdivision~~(e)~~ (d).

23 ~~(e)~~

24 (f) (1) At the expiration of the 15-day amnesty period described
25 in subdivision (a), a person prohibited from possessing a firearm
26 who still maintains possession of his or her firearms shall be subject
27 to a civil fine of up to two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500)
28 per firearm in addition to *any* criminal penalties authorized by law,
29 including, but not limited to, penalties described in Chapter 3
30 (commencing with Section 29900) of this code and Sections 8100
31 and 8103 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

32 ~~(f) The department may conduct a public awareness campaign~~
33 ~~in conjunction with local law enforcement to promote the amnesty~~
34 ~~period described in this section and to educate prohibited persons~~
35 ~~on how to surrender firearms to law enforcement in a safe and~~
36 ~~secure manner.~~

37 (2) *The civil penalty described in paragraph (1) shall not apply*
38 *to a prohibited person who provides evidence satisfactory to the*
39 *department that he or she lawfully surrendered his or her firearm*
40 *prior to the commencement of the amnesty period.*

1 (g) Any firearms surrendered to a local law enforcement agency
2 pursuant to this section shall be sold or destroyed as provided in
3 Section 18005.

4 (h) Section 27545 and Chapter 5 (commencing with Section
5 28050) shall not apply to the surrender of firearms to a local law
6 enforcement agency pursuant to this section.

7 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
8 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
9 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
10 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
11 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

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