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**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1664**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Levine, Ting, and Chiu**  
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(Coauthor: Senator Leno)

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An act to amend Sections 30515 and 30900 of, and to add Section 30680 to, the Penal Code, relating to firearms.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1664, as amended, Levine. Firearms: assault weapons.

(1) Existing law generally prohibits the possession or transfer of assault weapons, except for the sale, purchase, importation, or possession of assault weapons by specified individuals, including law enforcement officers. Under existing law, "assault weapon" means, among other things, a semiautomatic centerfire rifle or a semiautomatic pistol that has the capacity to accept a detachable magazine and has any one of several specified attributes, including, for rifles, a thumbhole stock, and for pistols, a 2nd handgrip.

This bill would revise this definition of "assault weapon" to mean a semiautomatic centerfire rifle or a semiautomatic pistol that does not have a fixed magazine but has any one of those specified attributes. The bill would also define "fixed magazine" to mean an ammunition feeding device contained in, or permanently attached to, a firearm in

such a manner that the device cannot be removed without disassembly of the firearm action.

By expanding the definition of an existing crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(2) Existing law makes any person who, within this state, possesses an assault weapon, except as otherwise provided, guilty of a misdemeanor or a felony.

This bill would exempt from punishment under that prohibition a person who possessed an assault weapon prior to January 1, 2017, if specified requirements are met.

(3) Existing law requires that, with specified exceptions, any person who, prior to January 1, 2001, lawfully possessed an assault weapon prior to the date it was defined as an assault weapon, and which was not specified as an assault weapon at the time of lawful possession, register the firearm with the Department of Justice. Existing law permits the Department of Justice to charge a fee for registration of up to \$20 per person but not to exceed the actual processing costs of the department. Existing law, after the department establishes fees sufficient to reimburse the department for processing costs, requires fees charged to increase at a rate not to exceed the legislatively approved annual cost-of-living adjustment for the department's budget or as otherwise increased through the Budget Act. Existing law requires those fees to be deposited into the Dealers' Record of Sale Special Account. Existing law, the Administrative Procedure Act, establishes the requirements for the adoption, publication, review, and implementation of regulations by state agencies.

This bill would require that any person who, from January 1, 2001, to December 31, 2016, inclusive, lawfully possessed an assault weapon that does not have a fixed magazine, as defined, ~~and~~ including those weapons with an ammunition feeding device that can be removed readily from the firearm with the use of a tool, register the firearm with the Department of Justice before January 1, 2018, but not before the effective date of specified regulations. The bill would permit the department to increase the \$20 registration fee as long as it does not exceed the reasonable processing costs of the department. The bill would also require registrations to be submitted electronically via the Internet utilizing a public-facing application made available by the department. The bill would require the registration to contain specified information, including, but not limited to, a description of the firearm that identifies it uniquely and specified information about the registrant. The bill would

permit the department to charge a fee of up to \$15 per person for registration through the Internet, not to exceed the reasonable processing costs of the department to be paid and deposited, as specified, for purposes of the registration program. The bill would require the department to adopt regulations for the purpose of implementing those provisions and would exempt those regulations from the Administrative Procedure Act. The bill would also make technical and conforming changes.

(4) 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 no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

(5) *This bill would become operative only if SB 880 of the 2015–16 Regular Session is enacted and takes effect on or before January 1, 2017.*

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 30515 of the Penal Code is amended to  
2 read:

3 30515. (a) Notwithstanding Section 30510, “assault weapon”  
4 also means any of the following:

5 (1) A semiautomatic, centerfire rifle that does not have a fixed  
6 magazine but has any one of the following:

7 (A) A pistol grip that protrudes conspicuously beneath the action  
8 of the weapon.

9 (B) A thumbhole stock.

10 (C) A folding or telescoping stock.

11 (D) A grenade launcher or flare launcher.

12 (E) A flash suppressor.

13 (F) A forward pistol grip.

14 (2) A semiautomatic, centerfire rifle that has a fixed magazine  
15 with the capacity to accept more than 10 rounds.

16 (3) A semiautomatic, centerfire rifle that has an overall length  
17 of less than 30 inches.

18 (4) A semiautomatic pistol that does not have a fixed magazine  
19 but has any one of the following:

1 (A) A threaded barrel, capable of accepting a flash suppressor,  
2 forward handgrip, or silencer.

3 (B) A second handgrip.

4 (C) A shroud that is attached to, or partially or completely  
5 encircles, the barrel that allows the bearer to fire the weapon  
6 without burning the bearer’s hand, except a slide that encloses the  
7 barrel.

8 (D) The capacity to accept a detachable magazine at some  
9 location outside of the pistol grip.

10 (5) A semiautomatic pistol with a fixed magazine that has the  
11 capacity to accept more than 10 rounds.

12 (6) A semiautomatic shotgun that has both of the following:

13 (A) A folding or telescoping stock.

14 (B) A pistol grip that protrudes conspicuously beneath the action  
15 of the weapon, thumbhole stock, or vertical handgrip.

16 (7) A semiautomatic shotgun that has the ability to accept a  
17 detachable magazine.

18 (8) Any shotgun with a revolving cylinder.

19 (b) For purposes of this section, “fixed magazine” means an  
20 ammunition feeding device contained in, or permanently attached  
21 to, a firearm in such a manner that the device cannot be removed  
22 without disassembly of the firearm action.

23 (c) The Legislature finds a significant public purpose in  
24 exempting from the definition of “assault weapon” pistols that are  
25 designed expressly for use in Olympic target shooting events.  
26 Therefore, those pistols that are sanctioned by the International  
27 Olympic Committee and by USA Shooting, the national governing  
28 body for international shooting competition in the United States,  
29 and that were used for Olympic target shooting purposes as of  
30 January 1, 2001, and that would otherwise fall within the definition  
31 of “assault weapon” pursuant to this section are exempt, as  
32 provided in subdivision (d).

33 (d) “Assault weapon” does not include either of the following:

34 (1) Any antique firearm.

35 (2) Any of the following pistols, because they are consistent  
36 with the significant public purpose expressed in subdivision (c):

38	MANUFACTURER	MODEL	CALIBER
39			
40	BENELLI	MP90	.22LR

1	BENELLI	MP90	.32 S&W LONG
2	BENELLI	MP95	.22LR
3	BENELLI	MP95	.32 S&W LONG
4	HAMMERLI	280	.22LR
5	HAMMERLI	280	.32 S&W LONG
6	HAMMERLI	SP20	.22LR
7	HAMMERLI	SP20	.32 S&W LONG
8	PARDINI	GPO	.22 SHORT
9	PARDINI	GP-SCHUMANN	.22 SHORT
10	PARDINI	HP	.32 S&W LONG
11	PARDINI	MP	.32 S&W LONG
12	PARDINI	SP	.22LR
13	PARDINI	SPE	.22LR
14	WALTHER	GSP	.22LR
15	WALTHER	GSP	.32 S&W LONG
16	WALTHER	OSP	.22 SHORT
17	WALTHER	OSP-2000	.22 SHORT

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19 (3) The Department of Justice shall create a program that is  
20 consistent with the purposes stated in subdivision (c) to exempt  
21 new models of competitive pistols that would otherwise fall within  
22 the definition of “assault weapon” pursuant to this section from  
23 being classified as an assault weapon. The exempt competitive  
24 pistols may be based on recommendations by USA Shooting  
25 consistent with the regulations contained in the USA Shooting  
26 Official Rules or may be based on the recommendation or rules  
27 of any other organization that the department deems relevant.

28 SEC. 2. Section 30680 is added to the Penal Code, to read:

29 30680. Section 30605 does not apply to the possession of an  
30 assault weapon by a person who has possessed the assault weapon  
31 prior to January 1, 2017, if all of the following are applicable:

32 (a) Prior to January 1, 2017, the person would have been eligible  
33 to register that assault weapon pursuant to subdivision (b) of  
34 Section 30900.

35 (b) The person lawfully possessed that assault weapon prior to  
36 January 1, 2017.

37 (c) The person registers the assault weapon by January 1, 2018,  
38 in accordance with subdivision (b) of Section 30900.

39 SEC. 3. Section 30900 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

1 30900. (a) (1) Any person who, prior to June 1, 1989, lawfully  
2 possessed an assault weapon, as defined in former Section 12276,  
3 as added by Section 3 of Chapter 19 of the Statutes of 1989, shall  
4 register the firearm by January 1, 1991, and any person who  
5 lawfully possessed an assault weapon prior to the date it was  
6 specified as an assault weapon pursuant to former Section 12276.5,  
7 as added by Section 3 of Chapter 19 of the Statutes of 1989 or as  
8 amended by Section 1 of Chapter 874 of the Statutes of 1990 or  
9 Section 3 of Chapter 954 of the Statutes of 1991, shall register the  
10 firearm within 90 days with the Department of Justice pursuant to  
11 those procedures that the department may establish.

12 (2) Except as provided in Section 30600, any person who  
13 lawfully possessed an assault weapon prior to the date it was  
14 defined as an assault weapon pursuant to former Section 12276.1,  
15 as it read in Section 7 of Chapter 129 of the Statutes of 1999, and  
16 which was not specified as an assault weapon under former Section  
17 12276, as added by Section 3 of Chapter 19 of the Statutes of 1989  
18 or as amended at any time before January 1, 2001, or former  
19 Section 12276.5, as added by Section 3 of Chapter 19 of the  
20 Statutes of 1989 or as amended at any time before January 1, 2001,  
21 shall register the firearm by January 1, 2001, with the department  
22 pursuant to those procedures that the department may establish.

23 (3) The registration shall contain a description of the firearm  
24 that identifies it uniquely, including all identification marks, the  
25 full name, address, date of birth, and thumbprint of the owner, and  
26 any other information that the department may deem appropriate.

27 (4) The department may charge a fee for registration of up to  
28 twenty dollars (\$20) per person but not to exceed the reasonable  
29 processing costs of the department. After the department establishes  
30 fees sufficient to reimburse the department for processing costs,  
31 fees charged shall increase at a rate not to exceed the legislatively  
32 approved annual cost-of-living adjustment for the department's  
33 budget or as otherwise increased through the Budget Act but not  
34 to exceed the reasonable costs of the department. The fees shall  
35 be deposited into the Dealers' Record of Sale Special Account.

36 (b) (1) Any person who, from January 1, 2001, to December  
37 31, 2016, inclusive, lawfully possessed an assault weapon that  
38 does not have a fixed magazine, as defined in Section 30515,  
39 including those weapons with an ammunition feeding device that  
40 can be readily removed from the firearm with the use of a tool,

1 shall register the firearm before January 1, 2018, but not before  
2 the effective date of the regulations adopted pursuant to paragraph  
3 (5), with the department pursuant to those procedures that the  
4 department may establish by regulation pursuant to paragraph (5).

5 (2) Registrations shall be submitted electronically via the  
6 Internet utilizing a public-facing application made available by  
7 the department.

8 (3) The registration shall contain a description of the firearm  
9 that identifies it uniquely, including all identification marks, the  
10 date the firearm was acquired, the name and address of the  
11 individual from whom, or business from which, the firearm was  
12 acquired, as well as the registrant's full name, address, telephone  
13 number, date of birth, sex, height, weight, eye color, hair color,  
14 and California driver's license number or California identification  
15 card number.

16 (4) The department may charge a fee in an amount of up to  
17 fifteen dollars (\$15) per person but not to exceed the reasonable  
18 processing costs of the department. The fee shall be paid by debit  
19 or credit card at the time that the electronic registration is submitted  
20 to the department. The fee shall be deposited in the Dealers' Record  
21 of Sale Special Account to be used for purposes of this section.

22 (5) The department shall adopt regulations for the purpose of  
23 implementing this subdivision. These regulations are exempt from  
24 the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with  
25 Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government  
26 Code).

27 SEC. 4. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to  
28 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because  
29 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school  
30 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or  
31 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty  
32 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of  
33 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within  
34 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California  
35 Constitution.

36 SEC. 5. *This act shall become operative only if Senate Bill 880*  
37 *of the 2015–16 Regular Session is enacted and takes effect on or*  
38 *before January 1, 2017.*

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