

AB 2883

Gun Ownership Safety Act

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SUMMARY

Every day, thousands of Californians purchase guns for self-defense and personal safety. AB 2883 would ensure that gun owners know the local ordinances so that gun ownership can be as safe as possible.

BACKGROUND

Thousands of Californians own guns, and many more purchase guns every day. The most common reason that people buy and own guns is for personal safety. Yet, when people do not know how to safely store and handle a weapon, gun ownership can put people at higher risk of injury or even death, rather than lower their risk.

California has some of the most stringent gun laws in the nation, and many of California's counties have adopted local ordinances to enhance state law and make gun ownership, and communities, even safer. The following are examples of state laws that that started as local ordinances in California: 1) requiring child-safety firearm locks; 2) prohibiting the sale and manufacture of unsafe handguns; 3) requiring guns to be safely stored in vehicles; 4) prohibiting the sale and possession of large capacity ammunition magazines; and 5) limiting handgun purchases to one per month. Moreover, 143 jurisdictions regulate or prohibit the possession of firearms and/or ammunition on certain types of public property, such as in parks, recreation areas, and municipal buildings. Forty jurisdictions require safe

storage in the home. State law requires the reporting of lost or stolen guns to local law enforcement within five days, but many jurisdictions require that a report be made faster than five days. Finally, several local jurisdictions in California have prohibited the carrying of guns at protests or demonstrations.

In order to both comply with the law and to keep their guns as safe as possible, gun owners should be provided information on what the local ordinances are.

THIS BILL

AB 2883 requires the California Department of Justice (DOJ) to notify gun owners of local gun-safety ordinances, when a county contracts with the DOJ to do so.

SUPPORT

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