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**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1127**

**Introduced by Assembly Members Gabriel and Stefani**  
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An act to amend Section 3273.50 of the Civil Code, and to amend Section 16880 of, and to add Sections 16885, 17015, 27595, and 27595.1 27595.1, and 32103 to, the Penal Code, relating to firearms.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1127, as amended, Gabriel. Firearms: converter pistols.

Existing law prohibits any person from selling, leasing, or transferring any firearm unless the person is licensed as a firearms dealer, as specified. Existing law prescribes certain requirements and prohibitions for licensed firearms dealers. A violation of any of these requirements or prohibitions is grounds for forfeiture of a firearms dealer's license.

For purposes of these provisions, existing law defines “machinegun” to mean, among other definitions, any weapon that shoots or is designed to shoot automatically more than one shot, without manual reloading, by a single function of the trigger.

This bill ~~would~~ *would, on and after July 1, 2026,* prohibit a licensed firearms dealer to sell, offer for sale, exchange, give, transfer, or deliver any semiautomatic machinegun-convertible pistol, except as specified. For these purposes, the bill would define “machinegun-convertible pistol” as any semiautomatic pistol with a cruciform trigger bar that can be readily converted by hand or with common household tools into a machinegun by the installation or attachment of a pistol converter, as specified, and “pistol converter” as any device or instrument that, when installed in or attached to the rear of the slide of a semiautomatic pistol, replaces the backplate and interferes with the trigger mechanism and thereby enables the pistol to shoot automatically more than one shot by a single function of the trigger. The bill would make a violation of these provisions punishable by a fine, a 2nd violation punishable by a fine that may result in a suspension or revocation of the dealer’s license and removal from certain centralized lists maintained by the Department of Justice, and a 3rd violation punishable as a misdemeanor that shall result in the revocation of the dealer’s license and removal from certain centralized lists.

Existing law prohibits the manufacture, sale, possession, or transportation of a machinegun, except as authorized. A violation of these prohibitions is punishable as a felony.

This bill would expand the above definition of “machinegun” to include any machinegun-convertible pistol equipped with a pistol converter and, thus, prohibit the manufacture, sale, possession, or transportation of a machinegun-convertible pistol equipped with a pistol converter.

*Existing law, subject to certain exceptions, generally makes it an offense to manufacture or sell an unsafe handgun, as defined, and requires the Department of Justice to compile a roster listing all of the handguns that have been tested and determined not to be unsafe handguns. Existing law establishes criteria for determining if a handgun is an unsafe handgun, including, for firearms manufactured after a certain date and not already listed on the roster, the lack of a chamber load indicator and a magazine disconnect mechanism.*

*For any pistol listed on the roster on January 1, 2026, that was not subject to the above-described requirements to be on the list because*

*it was submitted for testing before specified dates, that is thereafter only modified to change the design features that brought the pistol within the definition of a machinegun-convertible pistol, and that is submitted to an independent certified laboratory for testing pursuant to the above-described testing provisions before January 1, 2027, this bill would authorize that pistol to be submitted for testing and added to the roster without meeting those requirements.*

This bill would make these provisions severable.

*This bill would incorporate additional changes to Section 3273.50 of the Civil Code proposed by AB 1263 to be operative only if this bill and AB 1263 are enacted and this bill is enacted last.*

By creating a new crime and expanding the application of an existing crime, 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 no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

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 3273.50 of the Civil Code is amended
- 2 to read:
- 3 3273.50. As used in this title, the following definitions apply:
- 4 (a) "Ammunition" has the same meaning as provided in
- 5 subdivision (b) of Section 16150 of the Penal Code.
- 6 (b) "Firearm" has the same meaning as provided in subdivisions
- 7 (a) and (b) of Section 16520 of the Penal Code.
- 8 (c) "Firearm accessory" means an attachment or device designed
- 9 or adapted to be inserted into, affixed onto, or used in conjunction
- 10 with a firearm that is designed, intended, or functions to alter or
- 11 enhance the firing capabilities of a firearm, the lethality of the
- 12 firearm, or a shooter's ability to hold and use a firearm.
- 13 (d) "Firearm-related product" means a firearm, ammunition, a
- 14 firearm precursor part, a firearm component, firearm manufacturing
- 15 machine, and a firearm accessory that meets any of the following
- 16 conditions:
- 17 (1) The item is sold, made, or distributed in California.

1 (2) The item is intended to be sold or distributed in California.

2 (3) The item is or was possessed in California and it was  
3 reasonably foreseeable that the item would be possessed in  
4 California.

5 (e) “Firearm precursor part” has the same meaning as provided  
6 in Section 16531 of the Penal Code.

7 (f) “Firearm industry member” shall mean a person, firm,  
8 corporation, company, partnership, society, joint stock company,  
9 or any other entity or association engaged in the manufacture,  
10 distribution, importation, marketing, wholesale sale, or retail sale  
11 of firearm-related products.

12 (g) “Firearm manufacturing machine” means a three-dimensional  
13 printer, as defined in Section 29185 of the Penal Code, or CNC  
14 milling machine that, as described in that section, is marketed or  
15 sold as, or reasonably designed or intended to be used to  
16 manufacture or produce a firearm.

17 (h) “Reasonable controls” means reasonable procedures, acts,  
18 or practices that are designed, implemented, and enforced to do  
19 the following:

20 (1) Prevent the sale or distribution of a firearm-related product  
21 to a straw purchaser, a firearm trafficker, a person prohibited from  
22 possessing a firearm under state or federal law, or a person who  
23 the firearm industry member has reasonable cause to believe is at  
24 substantial risk of using a firearm-related product to harm  
25 themselves or another or of possessing or using a firearm-related  
26 product unlawfully.

27 (2) Prevent the loss or theft of a firearm-related product from  
28 the firearm industry member.

29 (3) Ensure that the firearm industry member complies with all  
30 provisions of California and federal law and does not otherwise  
31 promote the unlawful manufacture, sale, possession, marketing,  
32 or use of a firearm-related product.

33 (4) Prevent the installation and use of a pistol converter, as  
34 defined in Section 17015 of the Penal Code, with a firearm.

35 *SEC. 1.5. Section 3273.50 of the Civil Code is amended to*  
36 *read:*

37 3273.50. As used in this title, the following definitions apply:

38 (a) “Ammunition” has the same meaning as provided in  
39 subdivision (b) of Section 16150 of the Penal Code.

1 (b) “Firearm” has the same meaning as provided in subdivisions  
2 (a) and (b) of Section 16520 of the Penal Code.

3 (c) “Firearm accessory” means an attachment or device designed  
4 or adapted to be inserted into, affixed onto, or used in conjunction  
5 with a firearm that is designed, intended, or functions to ~~alter or~~  
6 ~~enhance the firing capabilities of a firearm, the lethality of the~~  
7 ~~firearm, or a shooter’s ability to hold and use a firearm.~~ *increase*  
8 *a firearm’s rate of fire or to increase the speed at which a person*  
9 *may reload a firearm or replace the magazine, or any other*  
10 *attachment or device described in subdivision (a) of Section 30515*  
11 *of the Penal Code that may render a firearm an assault weapon*  
12 *when inserted into, affixed onto, or used in conjunction with a*  
13 *firearm. The term firearm accessory also includes any other device,*  
14 *tool, kit, part, or parts set that is clearly designed and intended*  
15 *for use in manufacturing firearms.*

16 (d) “Firearm-related product” means a firearm, ammunition, a  
17 firearm precursor part, a firearm component, firearm manufacturing  
18 machine, and a firearm accessory that meets any of the following  
19 conditions:

- 20 (1) The item is sold, made, or distributed in California.  
21 (2) The item is intended to be sold or distributed in California.  
22 (3) The item is or was possessed in California and it was  
23 reasonably foreseeable that the item would be possessed in  
24 California.

25 (e) “Firearm precursor part” has the same meaning as provided  
26 in Section 16531 of the Penal Code.

27 (f) “Firearm industry member” shall mean a person, firm,  
28 corporation, company, partnership, society, joint stock company,  
29 or any other entity or association engaged in the manufacture,  
30 distribution, importation, marketing, wholesale sale, or retail sale  
31 of firearm-related products.

32 (g) “Firearm manufacturing machine” means a three-dimensional  
33 printer, as defined in Section 29185 of the Penal Code, ~~or CNC~~  
34 ~~milling machine that, as described in that section,~~ *a computer*  
35 *numerical control (CNC) milling machine, or a similar machine,*  
36 *that is marketed or sold as, as or is reasonably designed or intended*  
37 *to be used to manufacture or produce a firearm. firearms, firearm*  
38 *components, or firearm accessories.*

1 (h) “Reasonable controls” means reasonable procedures, acts,  
2 or practices that are designed, implemented, and enforced to do  
3 the following:

4 (1) Prevent the sale or distribution of a firearm-related product  
5 to a straw purchaser, a firearm trafficker, a person prohibited from  
6 possessing a firearm under state or federal law, or a person who  
7 the firearm industry member has reasonable cause to believe is at  
8 substantial risk of using a firearm-related product to harm  
9 themselves or another or of possessing or using a firearm-related  
10 product unlawfully.

11 (2) Prevent the loss or theft of a firearm-related product from  
12 the firearm industry member.

13 (3) Ensure that the firearm industry member complies with all  
14 provisions of California and federal law and does not otherwise  
15 promote the unlawful manufacture, sale, possession, marketing,  
16 or use of a firearm-related product.

17 (4) *Prevent the installation and use of a pistol converter, as*  
18 *defined in Section 17015 of the Penal Code, with a firearm.*

19 SEC. 2. Section 16880 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

20 16880. (a) As used in this part, “machinegun” means any  
21 weapon that shoots, is designed to shoot, or can readily be restored  
22 to shoot, automatically more than one shot, without manual  
23 reloading, by a single function of the trigger.

24 (b) The term “machinegun” also includes the frame or receiver  
25 of any weapon described in subdivision (a), any part designed and  
26 intended solely and exclusively, or combination of parts designed  
27 and intended, for use in converting a weapon into a machinegun,  
28 and any combination of parts from which a machinegun can be  
29 assembled if those parts are in the possession or under the control  
30 of a person.

31 (c) The term “machinegun” also includes any weapon deemed  
32 by the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and  
33 Explosives as readily convertible to a machinegun under Chapter  
34 53 (commencing with Section 5801) of Title 26 of the United  
35 States Code.

36 (d) The term “machinegun” also includes any  
37 machinegun-convertible pistol equipped with a pistol converter,  
38 as defined in Section 17015.

39 SEC. 3. Section 16885 is added to the Penal Code, to read:

1 16885. (a) As used in this part, “machinegun-convertible  
2 pistol” means any semiautomatic pistol with a cruciform trigger  
3 bar that can be readily converted by hand or with common  
4 household tools, as defined in Section 4082 of Title 11 of the  
5 California Code of Regulations, into a machinegun by the  
6 installation or attachment of a pistol converter as a replacement  
7 for the slide’s backplate without any additional engineering,  
8 machining, or modification of the pistol’s trigger mechanism.

9 (b) A machinegun-convertible pistol does not include a  
10 hammer-fired semiautomatic pistol or striker-fired semiautomatic  
11 pistol lacking a cruciform trigger bar, which instead has a trigger  
12 bar that is shielded from interference by a pistol converter.

13 (c) A polymer notch or other piece of polymer molded into the  
14 rear of the pistol frame does not prevent ready conversion into a  
15 machinegun and will not prevent a pistol from qualifying under  
16 this definition.

17 SEC. 4. Section 17015 is added to the Penal Code, to read:

18 17015. “Pistol converter” means any device or instrument that  
19 when installed in or attached to the rear of the slide of a  
20 semiautomatic pistol, replaces the backplate, and interferes with  
21 the trigger mechanism and thereby enables the pistol to shoot  
22 automatically more than one shot by a single function of the trigger.  
23 A pistol converter includes, but is not limited to, a pistol converter  
24 manufactured using a three-dimensional printer, as defined in  
25 Section 29185.

26 SEC. 5. Section 27595 is added to the Penal Code, to read:

27 27595. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (c), commencing  
28 on ~~January~~ July 1, 2026, a firearms dealer licensed pursuant to  
29 Sections 26700 to 26920, shall not sell, offer for sale, exchange,  
30 give, transfer, or deliver any semiautomatic  
31 machinegun-convertible pistol, as defined in Section 16885.

32 (b) (1) A violation of subdivision (a) shall be punishable by a  
33 fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

34 (2) A second violation of subdivision (a) shall be punishable  
35 by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and may  
36 result in the suspension or revocation of the dealer’s license issued  
37 under Sections 26700 to 26920, inclusive, and removal of the  
38 firearms dealer from any centralized list maintained by the  
39 Department of Justice pursuant to Sections 26715, 28450, and  
40 29060.

1 (3) A third violation of subdivision (a) is a misdemeanor and  
2 shall result in the revocation of the dealer's license issued under  
3 Sections 26700 to 26920, inclusive, and removal of the firearms  
4 dealer from any centralized list maintained by the Department  
5 pursuant to Sections 26715, 28450, and 29060.

6 (c) This section shall not apply to any of the following:

7 (1) A machinegun-convertible pistol delivered to a firearms  
8 dealer prior to January 1, 2026.

9 (2) The sale of a machinegun-convertible pistol to any of the  
10 following entities for lawful use in the discharge of their official  
11 duties:

12 (A) A police department, sheriff's office, probation department,  
13 marshal's office, district attorney's office, the California Highway  
14 Patrol, the Department of Justice, the Department of Corrections  
15 and Rehabilitation.

16 (B) Any state agency listed in paragraph (6) or paragraph (7)  
17 of subdivision (b) of Section 32000.

18 (C) The military or naval forces of this state or of the United  
19 States.

20 (3) A private party to private party transaction conducted  
21 through a licensed firearms dealer pursuant to Chapter 5  
22 (commencing with Section 28050).

23 (4) A transfer of a machinegun-convertible pistol to a gunsmith  
24 or other qualified entity for service or repair.

25 (5) The sale or transfer of a machinegun-convertible pistol to a  
26 firearms dealer licensed pursuant to Sections 26700 to 26920,  
27 inclusive, or to federally licensed firearms manufacturers or dealers  
28 outside California.

29 (6) A transfer of a machinegun-convertible pistol back to a  
30 private party after temporary safekeeping storage pursuant to  
31 Section 26892.

32 (7) A transfer of a machinegun-convertible pistol back to a  
33 private party after a period of temporary prohibition pursuant to  
34 Section 29830.

35 (8) A transfer of a machinegun-convertible pistol to any forensic  
36 laboratory or forensic laboratory employee, while on duty and  
37 acting within the scope and course of employment.

38 (9) The sale of a machinegun-convertible pistol to an individual  
39 who is an active peace officer described in Section 830.1 or a  
40 reserve peace officer described in Section 830.6 who is employed

1 or appointed by a law enforcement agency described in Section  
2 830.1 and is authorized to carry a firearm on duty.

3 *SEC. 6. Section 27595.1 is added to the Penal Code, to read:*

4 *27595.1. The Department of Justice is authorized to adopt*  
5 *regulations to implement Section 27595.*

6 *SEC. 7. Section 32103 is added to the Penal Code, to read:*

7 *32103. (a) A pistol may be submitted for testing described in*  
8 *Section 32010 and added to the roster described in subdivision*  
9 *(a) of Section 32015 without being subject to the requirements of*  
10 *subparagraph (D) or (E) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of*  
11 *Section 31910, or the requirements of subdivision (d) of Section*  
12 *32010, if all of the following conditions are met:*

13 *(1) The pistol was listed on the roster, described in subdivision*  
14 *(a) of Section 32015, on January 1, 2026.*

15 *(2) The pistol was not subject to the requirements of*  
16 *subparagraph (D) or (E) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of*  
17 *Section 31910 because it was submitted for testing before the dates*  
18 *identified in subdivision (d) of Section 32010.*

19 *(3) The pistol was thereafter only modified to change design*  
20 *features which brought the pistol within the definition of*  
21 *machinegun-convertible pistol in Section 16885.*

22 *(4) The modified pistol is submitted to an independent certified*  
23 *laboratory for testing pursuant to Article 5 (commencing with*  
24 *Section 32000) of Chapter 4 before January 1, 2027.*

25 *(b) Any firearm meeting the requirements of this section shall*  
26 *be removed from the roster according to subdivision (b) of Section*  
27 *31910 on the same timeline as the pistol that appeared on the*  
28 *roster prior to being modified pursuant to this section.*

29 ~~*SEC. 6.*~~

30 *SEC. 8. If any section, subsection, sentence, or clause of this*  
31 *act is for any reason declared unconstitutional, invalid, or*  
32 *unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision*  
33 *shall not affect the constitutionality, validity, or enforceability of*  
34 *the remaining portions of this act or any part thereof. The*  
35 *Legislature hereby declares that it would have adopted this act*  
36 *notwithstanding the unconstitutionality, invalidity, or*  
37 *unenforceability of any one or more of its sections, subsections,*  
38 *sentences, or clauses.*

39 *SEC. 9. Section 1.5 of this bill incorporates amendments to*  
40 *Section 3273.50 of the Civil Code proposed by both this bill and*

1 *Assembly Bill 1263. That section of this bill shall only become*  
2 *operative if (1) both bills are enacted and become effective on or*  
3 *before January 1, 2026, (2) each bill amends Section 3273.50 of*  
4 *the Civil Code, and (3) this bill is enacted after Assembly Bill 1263,*  
5 *in which case Section 1 of this bill shall not become operative.*

6 ~~SEC. 7.~~

7 *SEC. 10.* No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to  
8 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because  
9 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school  
10 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or  
11 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty  
12 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of  
13 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within  
14 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California  
15 Constitution.