

AB 1127 - Firearms: Converter Pistols (Glock Platform)

Current Law:

- Existing law prohibits any person from selling, leasing, or transferring any firearm unless the person is licensed as a firearms dealer. Existing law defines "machinegun" as any weapon that shoots or is designed to shoot automatically more than one shot, without manual reloading, by a single function of the trigger.
- Existing law, subject to certain exceptions, generally makes it an offense to manufacture or sell an unsafe handgun. The California Department of Justice is required 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 what is considered to be an unsafe handgun, including the lack of a chamber load indicator and a magazine disconnect mechanism.
- 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.

How Does AB 1127 Change Current Law?

- After July 1, 2026, a licensed firearms dealer will be prohibited to sell, offer for sale, exchange, give, transfer, or deliver any semiautomatic machinegun-convertible pistol.
- A "machinegun-convertible pistol" will be defined 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.
- A "pistol converter" will be defined 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.
- A violation of these provisions will be 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.
- The definition of "machinegun" now includes 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.

How Does AB 1127 Affect me?

- You don't need to give up your Glock firearm. You can **keep what you own**, and you can still **sell or transfer them privately** through an FFL.
- Starting January 1, 2026, California will block the sale of new Glock-style handguns that the state claims could be converted to full-auto with a "Glock switch." However, manufacturers have until January 1, 2027 to make simple design tweaks and prove their pistols can't accept those devices without having to go through the full handgun-roster testing process again.

In short:

- You keep your guns.
- No confiscation.
- Private transfers still allowed.
- New sales pause unless manufacturers "fix" and re-submit their models.