



AB 1263 – CNC Milling Machines & Digital Firearm Files

Current Law

California already prohibits unlicensed individuals from manufacturing firearms, including “ghost guns,” and restricts the use of CNC milling machines or 3-D printers to make firearms.

- Existing law allows civil actions against those who distribute digital firearm design files (“CAD files”) used to create guns or gun parts.
- The law imposes penalties on illegal manufacturing and distribution of unserialized firearms, machineguns, or assault weapons.

How Does AB 1263 Change Current Law?

- Makes it a **crime to cause, assist, or promote** another person’s unlawful manufacture of firearms using CNC machines, 3-D printers, or similar devices.
- Expands the definition of “digital firearm manufacturing code” to include **CAM files** and adds components like **barrels, magazines, and machineguns** to the prohibited digital content list.
- Adds a **civil cause of action** allowing individuals harmed in California by violations to seek damages and injunctive relief.
- Establishes a **rebuttable presumption of liability** for websites hosting or promoting downloadable firearm files.
- Requires firearm industry members selling **barrels, accessories, or CNC/3-D machines** to provide written notice that unlicensed manufacturing is a crime and to verify buyer age and identity.
- Adds new **10-year firearm bans** for individuals convicted of certain firearm manufacturing misdemeanors after January 1, 2026.

How Does AB 1263 Affect Me?

- It is now illegal to **share or download CAD/CAM files** that can produce firearms, parts, or magazines in California — even for personal or hobby use.
- Firearm dealers and accessory makers must add **warning notices** and age-verification procedures before shipping barrels or CNC/3-D devices.
- **You can still legally build a homemade firearm in California**, but AB 1263 makes it illegal to use **safe, modern tools like CNC machines or 3-D printers** to do it — even if you comply with California DOJ serialization and registration requirements.
- Individuals convicted of “ghost gun” or manufacturing-related misdemeanors after 2026 will lose their right to own or buy guns for 10 years.

In Short:

- No more sharing or downloading digital gun files.
- Stronger penalties for aiding “ghost gun” builds.
- Accessory sales now require warnings and age checks.
- New 10-year bans for certain convictions.

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