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Bill: [CAAB1589](#) - Firearms: silencers.
Bill Progress: In Committee
Last Action: Read third time and amended. Ordered to third reading.
Action Date: 05/20/2026
Sponsor : Phillip Chen (R)*
Position: Support
Last Amendment: 05/20/2026

Bill Summary: Currently, existing law makes it a felony to possess a silencer, with exceptions for certain peace officers and military personnel when on duty and authorized to use them. This bill adds a new exemption for "level I reserve peace officers," who are a specific category of part-time law enforcement officers, allowing them to possess silencers under the same conditions as regular peace officers.

GOC Commentary: GOC supports this bill, but has recommended the author amend the term "silencer" to "suppressor" - which is the industry acknowledged wording pertaining to firearm noise reduction.

Bill: [CAAB1615](#) - Firearms: unsafe handguns.
Bill Progress: In Committee
Last Action: Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Action Date: 05/19/2026
Sponsor : Stephanie Nguyen (D)*
Position: Support
Last Amendment: 05/18/2026

Bill Summary: This bill modifies existing law regarding the sale and use of "unsafe handguns," which are firearms that do not meet specific safety standards and are generally prohibited from being manufactured or sold in California. The primary change is to allow sworn members of county probation departments to use unsafe handguns as service weapons, provided they complete the firearm portion of a training course prescribed by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) and qualify with the weapon at least every three months, a more frequent requirement than previously applied to some other law enforcement personnel.

GOC Commentary: Although this is considered a "carve out" for a specified group, we support the bill in concept. However, GOC believes all lawful, responsible Californians should have the same access to firearms as those in law enforcement.

Bill: [CAAB1743](#) - Firearms.
Bill Progress: In Committee
Last Action: Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Action Date: 05/19/2026
Sponsor : Buffy Wicks (D)*, Tim Grayson (D), Catherine Stefani (D)
Position: Oppose
Last Amendment: 05/18/2026

Bill Summary: This bill expands access to firearm tracing data for academic and policy research purposes, allowing any town, city, or county, state government agency, California community college, California State University, or the University of California to request this information from the Department of Justice.

GOC Commentary: GOC has never minded research; what we don't like is research with a bias and a political axe to grind. The bill expands the distribution of firearm tracing data maintained by the California Department of Justice. While presented as a transparency and research measure, AB 1743 significantly broadens access to sensitive firearm trace information and shifts the law from allowing discretionary sharing of data to a wide range of government entities. Distributing such broad dealer-level trace data creates the risk that lawful firearm retailers could be singled out or publicly criticized despite having committed no wrongdoing. Firearm trace data alone does not establish dealer misconduct and can easily be misinterpreted.

Bill: [CAAB1753](#) - Protective orders: firearms and ammunition: notice and procedures.
Bill Progress: In Committee
Last Action: Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Action Date: 05/19/2026
Sponsor : Catherine Stefani (D)*, Catherine Blakespear (D), Damon Connolly (D), Ash Kalra (D), Liz Ortega (D), Diane Papan (D), Gail Pellerin (D), Sharon Quirk-Silva (D), Pilar Schiavo (D), Rick Zbur (D)
Position: Oppose
Last Amendment: 05/18/2026

Bill Summary: This bill makes several changes to laws concerning protective orders, primarily focusing on firearms and ammunition. It explicitly requires individuals subject to certain protective orders, including civil harassment, domestic violence, elder abuse, workplace violence, and postsecondary school restraining orders, to relinquish not only any firearms but also any ammunition in their possession or control.

GOC Commentary: GOC's primary concern regarding "red flag" laws pertains to the absolute necessity of an individual's right to due process - assurances that infringements of the 1st, 2nd and 4th Amendments are paramount. Whether it's the First or Second Amendment, the underlying due process arguments remain the same. It's one thing — an authoritarian thing, for sure — to argue that some of our rights are so dangerous that we should now ignore fundamental Constitutional protections.

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Bill:	CAAB1810 - Firearms: dealer centralized list.
Bill Progress:	In Committee
Last Action:	Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Action Date:	05/19/2026
Sponsor :	Marc Berman (D)*, Catherine Stefani (D)
Position:	Oppose
Last Amendment:	05/18/2026
Bill Summary:	Existing law requires DOJ to conduct inspections of firearms dealers at least every 3 years to ensure compliance. This bill would require the department to remove from the list a person who fails to comply with the requirements to be on the list and authorize the department to remove a person from the list who fails to remedy specified violations discovered as a result of the above-described inspections. The bill would subject a person removed from the list for these 2 reasons to a fine and make that person ineligible to be placed on the list for a period of 2 years. The bill would require the department to conduct a yearly inspection of the 10 firearm dealer locations with the highest percentage of total sales of firearms that were recovered by law enforcement and found to be illegally possessed, used in a crime, or suspected to have been used in a crime.
GOC Commentary:	Trace data is not an effective means of addressing crime; this bill puts dealers at risk for penalties for crimes that occur after they have sold a firearm and it is out of their possession.

Bill:	CAAB1955 - Crimes: firearm enhancements.
Bill Progress:	In Committee
Last Action:	Assembly Public Safety Hearing (08:30:00 3/24/2026 State Capitol, Room 126)
Action Date:	03/24/2026
Sponsor :	Juan Alanis (R)*
Position:	Support
Last Amendment:	03/09/2026
Bill Summary:	Under current law, anyone who personally uses a firearm in the commission of a specified felony offense shall be punished by an additional and consecutive term of imprisonment in state prison. It also prohibits these firearm enhancements to the lawful use or discharge of a firearm by a peace officer; this bill would place the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence on the prosecution that the firearm enhancements apply to a peace officer.
GOC Commentary:	This is a positive policy move.

Bill:	CAAB2047 - Firearms: 3-dimensional printing blocking technology.
Bill Progress:	In Committee
Last Action:	Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Action Date:	05/19/2026
Sponsor :	Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D)*, Tim Grayson (D), Darshana Patel (D)
Position:	Strong Oppose
Last Amendment:	05/18/2026
Bill Summary:	AB 2047 would mandate California's Department of Justice to investigate, certify, and regulate firearm blueprint detection algorithms and require printer manufacturers to install state-approved blocking technology. In addition, AB 2047 would also ban printers from sale in California that are not equipped with certified software. Placing sweeping technological restrictions such as the distribution of code on lawful businesses and consumers clearly infringes on First Amendment protections for expressive speech. Such requirements represent an unprecedented intrusion into personal manufacturing and innovation – especially given that 3D printing is widely used for legitimate purposes by legitimate businesses throughout the country.
GOC Commentary:	3D printing is not an inexpensive endeavor; it's a high cost, limited production technology and the requirements of AB 2047 burden innovation, restricts consumer access, and expands enforcement authority, all while criminals remain free to ignore compliance schemes. What's more, it is currently illegal under both federal and California law to manufacture, import, sell, transfer, or possess an undetectable firearm. A more effective course of action might be to simply add enhancements to those crimes committed with 3D printed guns. It would be far more direct and get to the issue of criminal misuse of firearms.

Bill:	CAAB2049 - Private security services and private investigators: BB devices.
Bill Progress:	In Committee
Last Action:	Re-referred to Com. on B. & P.
Action Date:	03/17/2026
Sponsor :	Juan Alanis (R)*
Position:	Monitor
Last Amendment:	03/16/2026
Bill Summary:	This bill makes changes to the Private Security Services Act by allowing individuals employed by licensed private patrol operators to carry or use specific types of BB devices, provided they meet certain training requirements. A BB device is defined as an instrument that shoots projectiles like BBs or pellets using air, gas, or spring power, or any spot marker gun.
GOC Commentary:	GOC is not sure this bill is necessary; we are in discussions with Assemblyman Alanis on his proposal.

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Bill: [CAAB2339](#) - Firearms: prohibited persons.
Bill Progress: In Committee
Last Action: Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Action Date: 05/18/2026
Sponsor : Mke Gipson (D)*
Position: Monitor
Last Amendment: 04/23/2026

Bill Summary: Existing law prohibits a juvenile who is adjudged a ward of the juvenile court due to the commission of specified serious or violent offenses from subsequently owning or possessing a firearm until they are 30 years of age. Existing law requires the juvenile court to notify the Department of Justice of persons subject to these provisions, as specified. This bill would require the juvenile court to notify the department if the court grants a dismissal of a juvenile petition for an offense that subjected the juvenile to the above-described firearm prohibition.

Bill: [CAAB2378](#) - California Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program.
Bill Progress: In Committee
Last Action: Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Action Date: 05/18/2026
Sponsor : Jesse Gabriel (D)*, Buffy Wicks (D)*, Catherine Stefani (D)
Position: Oppose
Last Amendment: 02/19/2026

Bill Summary: AB 2378 would create the Office of Community Violence Intervention within the Board of State and Community Corrections, and would require the office to improve public health and safety by supporting effective community gun violence reduction initiatives in communities that are disproportionately impacted by community gun violence. "Community gun violence" is defined as "intentional acts of interpersonal violence involving a firearm, generally committed in public areas by individuals who are not intimately related to the victim, and which result in physical injury, emotional harm, or death."

GOC Commentary: Gun Owners of California is not opposed to "gun violence reduction initiatives" per se – there is reasonable concern however, given the complexities and controversies of firearm use and misuse. There are wide differences of opinion, observations and analysis by noted academic scholars even when researching the same set of data, not to mention the persistent hostility toward lawful Californians who choose to exercise their Second Amendment right to own and use firearms. What data is proposed to be used for such initiatives, how it was gathered – what is included and what may be excluded, who is doing the research, and whether there would be a balanced approach are reasonable concerns given the high emotion that the subject of gun violence produces – on both sides of this important issue. At this juncture, however, the fiscal price tag is reason enough for this bill to be opposed.

Bill: [CAAB2584](#) - Self-defense.
Bill Progress: In Committee
Last Action: In committee: Set, first hearing. Testimony taken.
Action Date: 04/28/2026
Sponsor : Heath Flora (R)*
Position: Support
Last Amendment: 03/26/2026

Bill Summary: This bill, the Preemptive Self Defense Act of 2026, would clarify that a party who reasonably perceives an imminent threat of bodily harm may make lawful resistance to the commission of a public offense and that the resistance authorized is required to be proportional to the reasonably perceived threat and to cease when the threat is no longer present. The bill would prohibit a party's background, training, and professional fighting skills from being taken into account when determining whether a party has taken reasonable defensive action.

Bill: [CAACR191](#) - National Gun Violence Awareness Day.
Bill Progress: In Committee
Last Action: From committee: Be adopted. Ordered to Third Reading. (Ayes 9. Noes 0.) (May 18).
Action Date: 05/18/2026
Sponsor : Catherine Stefani (D)*
Position: Oppose
Last Amendment: 04/30/2026

Bill: [CAAJR30](#) - Ending gun violence in the United States.
Bill Progress: Introduced
Last Action: From printer.
Action Date: 05/12/2026
Sponsor : Tina McKinnor (D)*, Jesse Arreguin (D), Ma Bonta (D)
Last Amendment: 05/11/2026

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Bill: [CASB948](#) - Firearms: safety certificates.

Bill Progress: In Committee

Last Action: Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Action Date: 05/18/2026

Sponsor : Jesse Arreguin (D)*, Laura Richardson (D)

Position: Strong Oppose

Last Amendment: 05/14/2026

Bill Summary: This bill would require an applicant for a firearm safety certificate - or in other words, anyone who purchases a firearm to complete a training course no less than 4 hours in length that, among other things, includes instruction on firearm safety and handling and live-fire shooting exercises on a firing range.

SB 948 would require any individual seeking to purchase a firearm—by way of obtaining a Firearm Safety Certificate—to complete a training course of no less than 4 hours that includes live-fire shooting exercises.

GOC Commentary: No other enumerated constitutional right—whether speech, religion, voting, or due process—requires citizens to complete state-mandated training before it may be exercised. Yet this is precisely what SB 948 would impose. The bill transforms a guaranteed right into a government-mandated permit-to-purchase scheme for a product the state has already deemed lawful to own. This legislation would impact individuals across all demographics and would disproportionately burden first-time firearm purchasers.

Bill: [CASB1220](#) - Firearms: prohibited persons.

Bill Progress: In Committee

Last Action: Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Action Date: 05/14/2026

Sponsor : Melissa Hurtado (D)*

Position: Oppose

Last Amendment: 02/19/2026

Bill Summary: This bill prohibits any person convicted on or after January 1, 2027, of altering, removing, or obliterating the manufacturer's identification marks on a firearm, or possessing a firearm with such altered marks, from owning, purchasing, receiving, or having any firearm in their possession or under their control for a period of 10 years following the conviction.

GOC Commentary: This is yet another attempt to expand the prohibition on firearm ownership; by banning possession for a period of 10 years for simply possessing a gun without a serial number is excessive and will do nothing to address the criminal misuse of firearms.
