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AB-1316 Hunting licenses: information on firearms. (2025-2026)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2025–2026 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

NO. 1316

Introduced by Assembly Member Addis

February 21, 2025

An act to add Section 3031.1 to the Fish and Game Code, relating to hunting.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1316, as introduced, Addis. Hunting licenses: information on firearms.

Under existing law, a hunting license grants the privilege to take birds and mammals. Existing law requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife to issue an annual hunting license upon payment of a specified fee that varies in amount depending on the age and residency of the applicant. Under existing law, an annual hunting license is valid for a term of one year beginning on July 1 or for the remainder of the term if issued after July 1. Existing law also requires the department to issue a lifetime hunting license to a resident of the state upon payment of a specified fee that varies in amount depending on the age of the person.

This bill would require the department, beginning July 1, 2027, to ensure that every person who purchases a hunting license receives, at minimum, information on certain topics related to firearms, including the safe storage of firearms, liability for parents and guardians who should have known their child could access a firearm at home, basic California firearm laws, and how to legally transfer or relinquish a firearm. The bill would authorize the department, in cooperation with the Department of Justice, to promulgate regulations regarding the implementation of this requirement, and to include additional information to be provided with a hunting license.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 3031.1 is added to the Fish and Game Code, to read:

3031.1. (a) Beginning July 1, 2027, the department shall ensure that every person who purchases a hunting license receives, at minimum, information on all of the following topics:

- (1) The safe storage of firearms.

(2) California's child access prevention laws.

(3) Liability for parents and guardians who should have known their child could access a firearm at home.

(4) Basic California firearm laws.

(5) How to legally transfer or relinquish a firearm.

(b) The department, in cooperation with the Department of Justice, may promulgate regulations regarding the implementation of the requirement in subdivision (a), and may include additional information to be provided with a hunting license.