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**SB-248 Firearms: information to new owners.** (2025-2026)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2025–2026 REGULAR SESSION

**SENATE BILL**

**NO. 248**

Introduced by Senator Rubio  
(Coauthor: [Senator Blakespear](#))  
(Coauthor: [Assembly Member Schultz](#))

January 30, 2025

An act to add Section 28222 to the Penal Code, relating to firearms.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 248, as amended, Rubio. Firearms: information to new owners.

Existing law requires any sale, loan, or transfer of a firearm to be processed through a licensed firearms dealer. Existing law exempts from this requirement certain transfers such as those made by gift, bequest, intestate succession, or operation of law, among others. Existing law requires a person who receives a firearm pursuant to these provisions to submit to the Department of Justice a report, as prescribed by the department, describing the firearm and providing personal information. *Existing law requires, for a firearm purchase when the register is used, 2 copies of the original sheet of the register containing certain information to be mailed to the department, and when the electronic or telephonic transfer of applicant information is used, the record of applicant information be transmitted to the department by electronic or telephonic transfer.* Existing law requires that fees charged by the department for the processing of these forms be deposited in the Dealers' Record of Sale Special Account, which is available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to offset certain costs relating to the regulation of firearms, among other things.

This bill would, beginning July 1, 2027, require the department to mail to *each purchaser of a firearm, within 10 days of the application, or* any person who notifies the department pursuant to the above-described reports of a firearm ~~transaction~~ *transaction, within 10 days of the notification*, a letter that includes certain information relevant to firearm ownership, such as information on how to legally transfer or relinquish a firearm and resources regarding gun violence restraining orders, among others.

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 28222 is added to the Penal Code, to read:

**28222.** Beginning July 1, 2027, the department shall mail a letter to the listed residential address of *each purchaser of a firearm within 10 days of each purchaser making an application and of* any person who notifies the department pursuant to Section 27560, 27875, 27920, or ~~28000~~ *28000, within 10 days of being notified*. This letter shall include all of the following and any other information the department deems relevant to firearm ownership:

- (a) The importance of secure storage of firearms, including, at a minimum, a summary of applicable secure storage and child access prevention laws.
- (b) Overview of basic *state and federal* laws and obligations related to gun ownership and possession in California.
- (c) Information and data about the risks of gun ~~ownership~~ *purchase, ownership*, and possession.
- (d) Information on how to legally transfer or relinquish a firearm.
- (e) Information and resources regarding gun violence restraining orders.
- (f) Information and resources related to suicide prevention.
- (g) Information and resources related to domestic violence.

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