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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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There are several bills in California that the NRA is following at this time. Some are good and some are bad. Today, we are targeting AB352 because it is currently on the Floor of the State Assembly and it should be defeated. To see the information on other bills that NRA is tracking, within California, go to <http://www.calnra.com/legs.shtml>.

Please Focus on this Pending Legislation:

AB 352 (Koretz) This un-necessary bill would, commencing January 1, 2007, expand the definition of unsafe handgun to include semiautomatic pistols that are not designed and equipped with a microscopic array of characters, that identify the make, model, and serial number of the pistol, etched into the interior surface or internal working parts of the pistol, and which are transferred by imprinting on each cartridge case when the firearm is fired. AB352 is currently on the Assembly Floor and could be heard at any time. **Position – OPPOSE**

Immediate Action requested:

Please contact members of the Assembly and urge them to **OPPOSE AB352. KEEP UP THE PRESSURE!!!** Please continue to CALL, FAX, and EMAIL the legislators in their Sacramento and Local Offices. All three methods of communication are effective. Please send the following letter to their offices NOW!

Dear Assembly Member:

Vote "No" on AB352 "FIX YOUR GUN - FACE A FELONY."

In AB352, the proponents seek to mandate that all new semi-automatic handguns introduced in 2007 would be required to have information (make, model & serial number) about the firearm "micro-stamped" on the surface of parts of the handgun. This "micro-stamped" information would supposedly be transferred onto the cartridge case of the ammunition when it is fired.

The technology being mandated in AB352 has not been studied or tested in the real world and is only available from a single source and would create a government sanctioned monopoly for that company.

The advocates of AB352 claim that the addition of this requirement in the manufacturing of handguns for California will assist law enforcement by creating additional evidence for solving crimes. In committee hearings the author admitted that the "micro-stamped" cartridge cases could not even be used for evidence!

There is NO SUPPORT from the California law enforcement organizations and PORAC has come out opposing AB352.

The parts of the handgun that would have the 25 microns deep (half the thickness of a fine human hair) "micro-stamping" etched on them can be easily replaced without the use of tools. The markings on the parts will also be degraded and easily erased with the normal wear and tear in using the handgun.

A review of federal law has revealed that AB352 would make the everyday practice of maintaining and repairing firearms (as outlined in the handgun owners' manual) a felony. If a person needed to replace commonly worn out "micro-stamped" parts to keep their handgun safely operating, that person would be violating Federal law because the alteration, removal and obliteration of a manufacturer's or importer's markings on those parts carries the penalty of up to ten years in federal prison and \$250,000.00 fine. If AB352 becomes law: If you "FIX YOUR GUN you FACE A FELONY."

ALL RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS OF CALIFORNIA URGE YOU TO VOTE NO ON AB352 (KORETZ) ON THE ASSEMBLY FLOOR.

Contact Information:

State Assembly: A complete listing of all of the members of the State Assembly including phone/fax/email information can be found at: <http://www.calnra.com/legs/asm.shtml>. Also, you can send a single email to each of the State Assembly Members by using the special "ONE CLICK" email message that you can find at: <http://www.nramemberscouncils.com/legs/form>. By sending this detailed email to the each of the State Assembly you will help NRA get our important message to the legislators.

It is important to contact ALL of the Assembly members in Sacramento, not just your own representative. Some of them might not want to hear from those of us outside of their own districts, but since their vote affects ALL OF US, we will continue to contact ALL OF THEM. That is why "ONE CLICK" usage is FREE, unless you are an anti-gunner or someone not supporting the NRA and the Second Amendment, in which case we charge you. ☺

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