



## **Peace Officers Beware of Proposition 63!**

**Proposition 63 on California's November ballot, if passed, will have far reaching effects on active duty and retired law enforcement officers. Please join all major California law enforcement groups and oppose Proposition 63.**

Prop 63 would, among many other things, require:

1. ammunition sales to be done through a licensed ammunition vendor in a face-to-face setting;
2. ammo purchasers to first apply and qualify for authorization from the State, requiring a fee of up to a \$50 fee and waiting up to 30 days for the application to be processed every 4 years;
3. the licensed vendor to confirm, every time a person seeks to purchase ammunition, that the person is either on the State's authorized database of ammunition purchasers, purchasing ammunition at the same time as a firearm, or meets one of the narrow exceptions; &
4. that the licensed vendor collect the purchaser's personal information (residential address, phone number, etc.) and details of ammo purchased, which the state will store in a database.

What does this all mean?

Current full-time peace officers are *not* generally exempt from these restrictions, unless they obtain *written* certification from their agency head confirming each ammunition purchase is authorized.

Retired and non- full time peace officers (e.g., reserve officers) cannot be exempted from this scheme.

Officers will no longer be able to have ammo shipped in the mail directly to them or to a convenient pick up location, unless there is a licensed vendor present to process and register the transaction.

Potential delays to acquire ammunition, due to the 30-day application processing to be an authorized ammunition purchaser, or if the State mistakes the purchasing officer for someone who is prohibited, the officer could be barred from obtaining ammunition until things get cleared up.

Higher ammunition transfer costs, as is the case whenever a middleman is involved.

**That's not all. Prop 63 would also:**

- Ban the possession of "large capacity magazines" (over 10 rounds) by former reserve officers or officers who separate from their agency before qualifying for retirement.

- Prohibit retired officers from returning to California with “large capacity magazines” they take out of state and current officers from other states bringing them in at all, even under LEOSA.
- Authorize someone convicted of a crime resulting in a firearm prohibition to **force** local law enforcement to retrieve the convict’s firearms from wherever they are and store them.

And, the Legislative Analyst’s Office estimates that Prop 63 will cost California taxpayers **tens of millions of dollars annually**; that’s money diverted from cash strapped law enforcement agencies.

### **Law enforcement overwhelmingly opposes Prop 63**

Not a single law enforcement group has endorsed Proposition 63, while numerous have announced opposition, including:

California State Sheriffs' Association  
California Police Chiefs Association  
Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC)  
Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs  
Association of Deputy District Attorneys for Los Angeles County  
California Correctional Peace Officers Association  
California Fish & Game Wardens' Association  
California Reserve Peace Officers Association  
Western State Sheriffs’ Association  
Law Enforcement Action Network  
San Francisco Veteran Police Officers Association  
Law Enforcement Alliance of America

You can read these groups’ letters explaining their opposition and find other information about Prop 63 here: <http://stoptheammograb.com/resources/>

### **What officers can do to help stop Prop 63**

All peace officers in California should **Vote No on Prop 63** and tell their fellow officers, friends, neighbors, and family to do the same. They should also lobby any association or union that they are a member of to publicly oppose Proposition 63, alert the Coalition for Civil Liberties, No on Prop 63 campaign of their opposition, and to send emails to their membership urging a No Vote on Prop 63.

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