



CRPA Legislative Combined Report 18 July 2025

Legislative Recess July 18 - August 18, 2025



VICTORY in SACRAMENTO!!!

This victory was achieved by those of you who supported this bill on Capitol Day and getting the word out. We were told as I related to you three alleged facts in California Politics.

Fact 1: You cannot use a Freshman Assembly member to run a bill without a co-author with experience if you want to see it passed.

Fact 2: You cannot run a bill that in any way supports the Second Amendment with a Pro Second Amendment like CRPA as the primary Sponsor.

Fact 3: Even if by some miracle you could get the bill to the Governor's Desk (Newsom) it was DOA (Dead on Arrival).

The above has been the conventional wisdom of our community. You asked for that wisdom to be challenged and for the CRPA to go on offense. We did when we saw the following issue among many issues.

Problem Prior to AB 584: Prior to AB 584 there was a conflict between the California Penal Code 26890, 17110 and the California Fire Code Part 3, Chapter 10, 1010.2.2) This conflict has resulted in Firearm's Dealers being fined by the CADOJ indiscriminately, losing their lease in some cases and ultimately passing on these costs to their customer or closing their business altogether. This same issue has made finding a location or opening new firearms store extremely onerous.

Impact to our FFLs (Firearms Stores): Firearm's Dealers have been caught in a code quagmire that has made a simple security door a tool for the state to force many out of business using the false narrative of firearm's safety.

Impact to our community: The status quo prior to AB 584 was witnessing the sharp reduction in Firearm's dealers including big box stores who were not renewing leases based on these issues. Those who opted to fight back often had to increase costs to our community to cover the resulting fines and loss of business during the temporary closures to remedy an impossible situation. This led to angst among yourselves especially when coupled with illegal 11% excise taxes (CRPA is fighting in court), Ammunition restrictions (Rhode V. Bonta), Magazine restrictions (Duncan V. Bonta) and the list goes on.

I'm thrilled to share a major victory for our Second Amendment community. For years, our FFL dealers have faced relentless harassment and fines over the very security measures designed to protect firearms. Despite our legal team's tireless efforts, these issues persisted—until now.

We championed AB 584, authored by Assembly Member Heather Hadwick, to end this injustice. Crafted strategically to minimize opposition, the bill moved swiftly and quietly through both houses of the legislature. For the first time in decades, it advanced without public testimony, passing every committee on the consent calendar and earning unanimous support on both the Assembly and Senate floors.

The Governor signed AB 584 into law on Monday July 14, 2025, lifting this burden from our FFL dealers. This landmark legislation marks the beginning of our proactive efforts to restore and protect our Second Amendment rights, access, and activities.

Bill Hearings

Senate Appropriations – Monday August 18th & 25th – Bills to be Announced.
Assembly Appropriations – Tuesday August 19th & 26th Bills TBA

2025 Legislative Calendar

Aug. 18 Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess (J.R. 51(a)(3)).

Sept. 1 Labor Day observed.

Sept. 2-12 Floor session only. No committees may meet for any purpose, except Rules Committee, bills referred pursuant to Assembly Rule 77.2, and Conference Committees (J.R. 61(a)(12)).

Sept. 5 Last day to amend on the Floor (J.R. 61(a)(13)).

Sept. 12 Last day for each house to pass bills. (J.R. 61(a)(14)). Interim Recess begins upon adjournment (J.R. 51(a)(4))

Federal News

Congress has legislation to prevent a merger of ATF & DEA and restricting the agencies budget.

The Big Beautiful Bill eliminated the \$200 tax on suppressors, but ban remain in place pending litigation.

Trump Administration kills Biden Directive making AR-15 pistols no longer criminal.

Western State News (Hunting News)

California – Sept. 21 closes last effective date August 29th.

CLOSED LEGISLATURES

(Bold – 9th Circuit)

Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming

CRPA CONSERVATION & WILDLIFE

Report

Game Commission Meetings

All Meetings in Sacramento unless otherwise stated.

Key

WRC – Wildlife Resources Committee
CM- Commission Meeting
MRC – Marine Resources Committee
TC – Tribal Committee

Dates

TC – August 12th
CM – August 13-14th
WRC – September 11th – Predator Policy Debate
CM – October 8-9th
MRC – November 6th
TC – December 9th
CM – December 10-11th

2026 – All Meetings in Sacramento

WRC – January 13th
CM – February 11-12th
MRC – March 12th
TC – April 14th
CM – April 15-16th
CM – May 6th
WRC – May 14th
CM – June 17-18th
MRC – July 16th
TC – August 11th
CM – August 12-13th
WRC – September 10th
CM – October 14-15th
MRC – November 12th
TC – December 15th
CM – December 16-17th

2025 California Legislative Session

Updated: 18 July 2025

Status / Location of key bills:

Details & Status on Bills:

ASSEMBLY MONITOR:

AB 383 (Davies R) Firearms: prohibition: minors.

Current Text: Amended: 7/16/2025 PDF HTML

Last Amend: 7/16/2025

Status: 7/16/2025-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 7/15/2025-S. APPR.

Brief Summary: Current 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. A violation of this prohibition is punishable as a misdemeanor or as a felony. Current law also prohibits certain other persons, including a person who is convicted of a felony offense, from owning a firearm or ammunition. Current law requires a person subject to those orders to relinquish any firearms or ammunition they own and specifies the procedures to be used to relinquish those firearms or ammunition. Those procedures, among other things, require the court to provide specific instructions to the defendant and to assign the matter to a probation officer to investigate whether the defendant owns, possesses, or has under their custody or control any firearms, require a law enforcement agency to update the Automated Firearms System to reflect any firearms that were relinquished to the agency pursuant to these procedures, and require a defendant to timely file a completed Prohibited Persons Relinquishment Form. Current law makes it an infraction for a defendant to fail to timely file that form. This bill would expand the prohibition on juveniles subsequently owning or possessing firearms until 30 years of age by making that prohibition applicable to juveniles who are adjudged a ward of the juvenile court due to the commission of certain offenses relating to the possession of firearms or ammunition by a minor, except that juveniles who are adjudged a ward of the juvenile court due to unlawfully possessing a handgun would subsequently be prohibited from owning or possessing firearms until 25 years of age.

AB 454 (Kalra D) Migratory birds: California Migratory Bird Protection Act.

Last Amend: 6/16/2025

Status: 7/1/2025-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Location: 7/1/2025-S. THIRD READING

Brief Summary: The California Migratory Bird Protection Act, until January 20, 2025, made unlawful the taking or possession of any migratory nongame bird designated in the federal act before January 1, 2017, any additional migratory nongame bird that may be designated in the federal act after that date, or any part of those migratory nongame birds, except as provided. Current law, as of January 1, 2026, repeals this provision. This bill would, indefinitely, make unlawful the taking or possessing of any migratory bird, as designated in the federal act before January 1, 2025, any additional migratory nongame birds that may be

designated in the federal act after that date, or any part of those migratory nongame birds, except as provided.

AB 506 (Bennett D) Contracts: sales of dogs and cats.

Last Amend: 6/19/2025

Status: 7/9/2025-From committee: Amend and do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 13. Noes 0.) (July 8).

Location: 7/8/2025-S. APPR.

Brief Summary: The Lockyer-Polanco-Farr Pet Protection Act requires pet dealers, as defined, to disclose at the time of sale of a dog or cat specified information, including, among others, the source of the dog or cat, a record of known diseases or illnesses afflicting the dog or cat, and a record of immunizations or inoculations, worming treatments, veterinarian treatment, or medications received by the dog or cat. The Polanco-Lockyer Pet Breeder Warranty Act requires dog breeders to disclose, among other things, the aforementioned medical information to purchasers. Existing law makes a person who violates these provisions liable for civil penalties, as specified. Current law generally regulates formation and enforcement of contracts, including what constitutes an unlawful contract. Current law provides that, except as provided, a contract entered into on or after January 1, 2018, to transfer ownership of a dog or cat in which ownership is contingent upon the making of payments over a period of time subsequent to the transfer of possession of the dog or cat is void as against public policy. Current law provides that a contract entered into on or after January 1, 2018, for the lease of a dog or cat that provides for or offers the option of transferring ownership of the dog or cat at the end of the lease term is void as against public policy. This bill would provide that a contract entered into on or after January 1, 2026, to transfer ownership of a dog, cat, or rabbit that is offered, negotiated, brokered, or otherwise arranged by a person, pet dealer, or business, while the purchaser is located in California, is void as against public policy if the contract includes or requires a nonrefundable deposit. The bill would require a person, pet dealer, or business that sells a dog, cat, or rabbit to disclose the original source and medical information of the dog, cat, or rabbit, as specified. The bill would authorize suit against a person, pet dealer, as defined, or business that violates the above-described provisions in any court of competent jurisdiction for the recovery of money exchanged pursuant to that contract, injunctive relief, and other remedies the court deems appropriate.

AB 900 (Papan D) Environmental protection: 30x30 goals: land conservation: stewardship.

Last Amend: 6/25/2025

Status: 7/7/2025-In committee: Referred to APPR. suspense file.

Location: 7/7/2025-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Brief Summary: Current law provides that it is the goal of the state to conserve at least 30% of California's lands and coastal waters by 2030, known as the 30x30 goal. On April 22, 2022, the Natural Resources Agency issued the "Pathways to 30x30 California: Accelerating Conservation of California's Nature" report and existing law requires the Secretary of Natural Resources Agency to prepare and submit an annual report to the Legislature on progress made toward achieving the 30x30 goal, as provided. This bill would require the agency, as part of the 2027 annual report on progress made toward achieving the 30x30 goal, to update the Pathways to 30x30 Report, and for the update to include, among other things, recommendations to increase and improve stewardship of 30x30 lands, including innovative ways to reduce barriers and increase federal, state, and local support for stewardship, as specified. The bill would require the update to be posted on the agency's internet website.

ASSEMBLY OPPOSE:

AB 519 (Berman D) Pet broker sales.

Current Text: Amended: 7/2/2025 PDF HTML

Last Amend: 7/2/2025

Status: 7/2/2025-Read second time and amended. Ordered to third reading.

Location: 7/2/2025-S. THIRD READING

Brief Summary: The Lockyer-Polanco-Farr Pet Protection Act requires dealers of dogs and cats to comply with its provisions, including maintaining certain health and safety standards for pets and providing purchasers and prospective purchasers of pets, upon request, with written notice of consumer rights concerning the sale of a pet, including information about available refunds and other remedies. Current law prohibits an online pet retailer, as defined, from offering, brokering, making a referral for, or otherwise facilitating a loan or other financing option for, the adoption or sale of a dog, cat, or rabbit. Current law makes a violation of these provisions subject to a civil penalty. This bill would prohibit a broker from adopting, selling, or offering for sale a dog, cat, or rabbit.

AB 824 (Stefani D) Protective orders: firearms and ammunition.

Current Text: Amended: 6/19/2025

Last Amend: 6/19/2025

Status: 7/9/2025-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 13. Noes 0.) (July 8). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 7/8/2025-S. APPR.

Brief Summary: Current law establishes procedures by which a person may petition the court for certain protective or restraining orders, including civil harassment restraining orders, domestic violence restraining orders, elder or dependent adult abuse restraining orders, gun violence restraining orders, postsecondary school restraining orders, and workplace violence restraining orders, to enjoin a restrained person from taking specified actions. Beginning January 1, 2026, upon a court's issuance of such a protective order, existing law will require the restrained person to relinquish any firearm and ammunition in that person's immediate possession or control, according to specified procedures. Current law prescribes procedures by which the restrained person must certify compliance with the court, and for the court to determine, by a preponderance of the evidence, whether the person has a firearm in violation of the order. This bill would make clarifying and conforming changes to the procedures relating to the protective or restraining orders described above by explicitly requiring the restrained person to relinquish, in addition to any firearm, any ammunition in that person's immediate possession or control.

AB 1078 (Berman D) Firearms.

Current Text: Amended: 6/26/2025

Last Amend: 6/26/2025

Status: 7/8/2025-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 1.) (July 8). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 7/8/2025-S. APPR.

Brief Summary: Current law prohibits a person from carrying a concealed firearm or carrying a loaded firearm in public. Current law authorizes a licensing authority, as specified, if certain requirements and other criteria are met, including, among other things, the applicant has completed a specified course of training, to issue a license to carry a concealed handgun or to carry a loaded and exposed handgun, as specified. Current law requires a licensing authority to conduct an investigation to determine whether an applicant can receive or renew a license that includes, among other things, a review of all information provided in the application for a license, and a review of the information in the California Restraining and Protective Order System. Current law prohibits the licensing authority from issuing a license if, among other things, the applicant has been convicted of contempt of court, has been subject to a restraining order, protective order, or other type of court order, unless that order expired or was vacated or otherwise canceled more than 5 years prior to receipt of the completed application, or, in the 10 years prior to the licensing authority receiving the completed application, has been convicted of specified criminal statutes. This bill would also prohibit a licensing authority from issuing a license if an applicant was convicted of, under any federal law or law of any other state that includes comparable elements of, contempt of court or specified criminal statutes in the 10 years prior to the completed application, was subject to any restraining order, protective order, or other type of court order, or is an unlawful user of, or addicted to, any controlled substance, as specified. Upon determining that an applicant is a disqualified person due to being an unlawful user of, or addicted to, any controlled substance, the bill would require the licensing authority to, within 5 days, submit to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System Index specified information of the disqualified person and supporting documentation, as specified.

AB 1127 (Gabriel D) Firearms: converter pistols. (Party Line Vote)

Current Text: Amended: 7/3/2025

Last Amend: 7/3/2025

Status: 7/16/2025-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 11. Noes 2.) (July 15). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 7/16/2025-S. APPR.

Brief Summary: Would prohibit a licensed firearms dealer to sell, offer for sale, exchange, give, transfer, or deliver any semiautomatic machinegun-convertible pistol, except as specified. For these purposes, the bill would define "machinegun-convertible pistol" as any semiautomatic pistol with a cruciform trigger bar that can be readily converted by hand or with common household tools into a machinegun by the installation or attachment of a pistol converter, as specified, and "pistol converter" as any device or instrument that, when installed in or attached to the rear of the slide of a semiautomatic pistol, replaces the backplate and interferes with the trigger mechanism and thereby enables the pistol to shoot automatically more than one shot by a single function of the trigger. The bill would make a violation of these provisions punishable by a fine, a 2nd violation punishable by a fine that may result in a suspension or revocation of the dealer's license and removal from certain centralized lists maintained by the Department of Justice, and a 3rd violation punishable as a misdemeanor that shall result in the revocation of the dealer's license and removal from certain centralized lists.

AB 1263 (Gipson D) Firearms: ghost guns. (Party Line Vote)

Current Text: Amended: 3/24/2025

Last Amend: 3/24/2025

Status: 7/16/2025-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 11. Noes 1.) (July 15). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 7/16/2025-S. APPR.

Brief Summary: Current law makes it a crime for a person to manufacture or cause to be manufactured specified firearms. Current law prohibits a person, other than a state-licensed firearms manufacturer, from using a computer numerical control (CNC) milling machine or three-dimensional printer to manufacture a firearm. This bill would prohibit a person from knowingly or willfully causing another person to engage in the unlawful manufacture of firearms or knowingly or willfully aiding, abetting, prompting, or facilitating the unlawful manufacture of firearms, including the manufacture of assault weapons or .50 BMG rifles or the manufacture of any firearm using a three-dimensional printer or CNC milling machine, as specified.

ASSEMBLY SUPPORT:

AB 584 (Hadwick R) Firearms dealers and manufacturers: secure facilities.

Current Text: Enrolled: 7/1/2025

Last Amend: 3/12/2025

Status: 7/14/2025-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 40, Statutes of 2025.

Location: 7/14/2025-A. CHAPTERED

Brief Summary: Current law defines a secure facility, for purposes of requirements for firearms dealers to store firearms when the dealer is not open for business, as a building that, among other requirements, has perimeter doorways with specified characteristics, including that the doorway is a windowless or windowed steel security door equipped with both a dead bolt and a doorknob lock, as specified, or a metal grate that is padlocked and affixed to the licensee's premises, as specified. Current law defines a secure facility, for purposes of requirements for firearms manufacturers to store manufactured firearms and barrels, as a facility that has perimeter doorways with additional specified characteristics, including that the doorway has hinges and hasps attached to doors by welding, riveting, or bolting with nuts on the inside of the door or that are installed so that they cannot be removed when the doors are closed and locked. This bill would expand the definition of a secure facility for the entities described above to allow a doorway with a windowed or windowless steel door that is equipped with panic hardware that operates a multipoint lock that bolts into the interior frame of the door, as specified.

Bill Status: SIGNED INTO LAW ON 14 July 2025

AB 1169 (Gonzalez, Jeff R) Wildlife grants: Shared Habitat Alliance for Recreational Enhancement program.

Current Text: Amended: 7/17/2025 PDF HTML

Last Amend: 7/17/2025

Status: 7/17/2025-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 7/16/2025-S. APPR.

Brief Summary: Current law establishes various programs and authorizes various projects related to wildlife-dependent recreational activities and the protection of wildlife, including projects to benefit upland game bird species and waterfowl and the Shared Habitat Alliance for Recreational Enhancement (SHARE) program. Current law provides that it is the intent of the SHARE program to encourage private landowners to voluntarily make their land available to the public for wildlife-dependent recreational activities, as specified. Current law requires a

cap on financial compensation offered to a private landowner of \$30 per acre, or \$50 per public participant per day. Current law authorizes the Department of Fish and Wildlife, as part of the SHARE program, to make grants to, or enter into agreements with, nonprofit organizations, governmental entities, or any other entities for purposes of carrying out the SHARE program. This bill would instead require the department to make those grants to, or enter into agreements with, the above described entities, including a nonprofit conservation organization, when the department finds the grants or agreements are necessary for carrying out the purposes of the SHARE program.

SENATE OPPOSE:

SB 248 (Rubio D) Firearms: information to new owners.

Current Text: Amended: 6/24/2025

Last Amend: 6/24/2025

Status: 7/2/2025-Coauthors revised. From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 8. Noes 0.) (July 1). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 7/1/2025-A. APPR.

Brief Summary: Current law requires any sale, loan, or transfer of a firearm to be processed through a licensed firearms dealer. Current law exempts from this requirement certain transfers such as those made by gift, bequest, intestate succession, or operation of law, among others. Current 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. Current 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. 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, 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.

SB 704 (Arreguín D) Firearms: firearm barrels.

Current Text: Amended: 7/17/2025 PDF HTML

Last Amend: 7/17/2025

Status: 7/17/2025-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 7/16/2025-A. APPR.

Brief Summary: Current law generally requires the sale or transfer of firearms to be conducted through a licensed firearms dealer. For purposes of these provisions, current law defines "firearm" to mean a device, designed to be used as a weapon, from which is expelled through a barrel a projectile by the force of an explosion or other form of combustion and to include the frame or receiver of the weapon, including both a completed frame or receiver, or a firearm precursor part. For these purposes, current law defines "firearm precursor part" as any forging, casting, printing, extrusion, machined body, or similar article that has reached a stage in manufacture where it may readily be completed, assembled, or converted to be used as the frame or receiver of a functional firearm, or that is marketed or sold to the public to

become or be used as the frame or receiver of a functional firearm once completed, assembled, or converted. Commencing January 1, 2027, this bill would, except as specified, prohibit the sale or transfer of a firearm barrel, as defined, unless the transaction is completed in person by a licensed firearms dealer. The bill would also prohibit a person from possessing a firearm barrel with the intent to sell, or offering to sell, unless the person is a licensed firearms dealer. The bill would require the licensed firearms dealer to conduct a background check of the purchaser or transferee and to record specified information pertaining to the transaction, including the date of the sale or transfer.

SENATE SUPPORT:

SB 55 (Umberg D) State parks: free day use pass: Gold Star Family members.

Last Amend: 3/26/2025

Status: 7/16/2025-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To consent calendar. (Ayes 8. Noes 0.) (July 15). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 7/15/2025-A. APPR.

Brief Summary: Would require an eligible Gold Star Family member, as defined, upon presentation of proof to the Department of Parks and Recreation, to be issued a pass for free day use of any unit of the state park system that is operated by the state.

SB 427 (Blakespear D) Habitat Conservation Fund.

Last Amend: 5/23/2025

Status: 7/15/2025-Coauthors revised. From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 11. Noes 0.) (July 15). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 7/15/2025-A. APPR.

Brief Summary: Proposition 117, an initiative measure approved by the electors at the June 5, 1990, direct primary election, enacted the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990. The act creates the Habitat Conservation Fund and requires the moneys in the fund to be used for specified purposes generally relating to the acquisition, enhancement, or restoration of wildlife habitat. The act requires the Controller, until June 30, 2020, to annually transfer \$30,000,000 from the General Fund to the Habitat Conservation Fund, less any amount transferred to the Habitat Conservation Fund from specified accounts and funds. The act, until July 1, 2020, continuously appropriates specified amounts from the Habitat Conservation Fund to the Department of Parks and Recreation, the State Coastal Conservancy, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and the California Tahoe Conservancy, and continuously appropriates the balance of the fund to the Wildlife Conservation Board. This bill would require the Controller to continue to annually transfer \$30,000,000 from the General Fund, less any amount transferred to the Habitat Conservation Fund from specified accounts and funds to the Habitat Conservation Fund until June 30, 2035, and would continuously appropriate that amount on an annual basis in the same proportions to the specified entities described above until July 1, 2035. This bill contains other existing laws.