

Date of Hearing: August 5, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Buffy Wicks, Chair

SB 1220 (Hurtado) – As Introduced February 19, 2026

Policy Committee: Public Safety

Vote: 8 - 0

Urgency: No

State Mandated Local Program: Yes

Reimbursable: No

SUMMARY:

This bill adds a conviction for knowingly possessing, purchasing, receiving, selling, or offering for sale an unserialized firearm to the list of misdemeanors that trigger a 10-year prohibition on owning, purchasing, receiving, or possessing a firearm.

Specifically, this bill provides that a person convicted on or after January 1, 2027, of a violation of this bill may not own, purchase, receive, or possess a firearm for 10 years following the conviction, and makes a violation of that prohibition punishable as a misdemeanor by up to one year in county jail, a fine of up to \$1,000, or both.

FISCAL EFFECT:

Costs of an unknown amount, likely in excess of this committee's threshold, to the Department of Justice (DOJ) to investigate and enforce the new prohibition through the Armed and Prohibited Persons System (APPS) (General Fund, Dealers Record of Sale Special Account). By adding another qualifying offense, the bill will add individuals to the APPS database and increase the associated review, investigation, and firearm-seizure workload. As of January 1, 2026, the APPS database contained 27,199 armed and prohibited persons, including 10,893 active cases and 16,306 pending cases; the bill would contribute an incremental, currently unquantifiable number of additional cases beginning in 2027. The DOJ was unable to provide an estimate of costs at the time of this analysis.

COMMENTS:

1) **Purpose.** According to the author:

SB 1220 closes a narrow but important gap in California's firearm prohibition laws, treating individuals convicted of knowingly possessing or trafficking firearms with altered or removed identifying markings consistently with individuals convicted of comparable firearm-related offenses already subject to California's 10-year firearm prohibition.

2) **Background.** Existing law imposes a 10-year firearm prohibition on individuals convicted of numerous misdemeanors involving violence, threats of violence, or firearm-related misconduct, and in recent years the Legislature has added several ghost-gun and unlawful-manufacturing offenses to that list. Existing law separately makes it a misdemeanor to

knowingly buy, receive, sell, offer for sale, or possess a firearm with a removed or altered identifying mark. This bill adds that unserialized-firearm offense to the 10-year prohibition list for convictions on or after January 1, 2027. To the extent the bill is challenged in court, any defense costs would be borne by the DOJ.

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