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Friday, March 9, 2018

Assembly Bill 1872 (“AB 1872”) (Voepel)

Position: STRONGLY OPPOSED

- AB 1872 is OPPOSED by a broad range of policy and law-focused advocacy groups including Firearms Policy Coalition, Gun Owners of California, San Diego County Gun Owners PAC, The Calguns Foundation, California Association of Federal Firearms Licensees, and many individuals.
- AB 1872 adds further problems and complications to California’s impenetrable and bizarre “Unsafe Handgun Act” firearms regulatory scheme. California licensed firearm dealers are banned (at pain of losing their license and criminal liability) from conducting a transfer of *any handgun* from *any person* who acquires an “unsafe” handgun under one of the AB 2165 (2016) exemptions to someone who is not exempt from the entire Roster scheme. See Penal Code § 32000(c)(1). BUT licensed dealers have no way of identifying such people or verifying their status as exempt or not.
- The AB 2165 ban *attaches to the person* who used the exemption, and *NOT the firearm* acquired under the exemption. This is a serious problem that the Legislature should work to correct—as we have suggested on numerous occasions and in numerous forums. AB 1872 does not remedy or even acknowledge this problem; rather, AB 1872 compounds the problem.
- Law enforcement officers trafficking in firearms is a growing issue. See, e.g., “A second Pasadena officer is suspended in connection with widening ATF probe of cops selling guns online,” Andre Coleman, Pasadena Weekly, March 8, 2018, online at <http://bit.ly/le-selling-guns>. See also “Former Sacramento deputy sentenced to 18 months for illegally selling weapons,” Alejandra Reyes-Velarde, The Sacramento Bee, July 1, 2016, online at <http://bit.ly/sac-le-gun-trafficking>.
- Many handguns that are overwhelmingly in common use for lawful purposes across the United States are not available for sale to law-abiding Californians (i.e., they are “off Roster”). Any handgun that is safe enough for a law enforcement officer to buy, possess, and carry for duty or personal use is safe enough for law-abiding Californians to buy, possess, and carry for their personal self-defense.
- AB 1872 stands for the proposition that the “common folk” of California, the law-abiding people who would choose a safe, modern handgun not listed in the Department of Justice’s ever-shrinking handgun Roster, have fewer fundamental rights than the people they employ.
- AB 1872 does not protect or advance the right to keep and bear arms of law-abiding Californians.
- AB 1872 is not a rational, equitable, or thoughtful measure built on broad stakeholder input and consensus. AB 1872 is a problematic and constitutionally-offensive bill that deals yet another special favor to one well-connected special interest group and puts law-abiding licensed gun dealers at risk of losing their license, losing their business, and potentially going to jail (and losing their own gun rights).

FPC REQUESTS YOUR “NO” VOTE ON AB 1872.

Please contact us at policy@fpchq.org or (916) 378-5785 if you have any questions or would like discuss this further.