

I'm David Douglas with the second of a two part community comment on an upcoming California ballot initiative sponsored by lieutenant governor Gavin Newsome. Mr. Newsome who was one of the main backers of the highly criticized proposition 47, now presents an initiative with the appealing ballot name of the "California Safety for All Act.

I must acknowledge an article from the Los Angeles Association of Deputy District Attorneys (ADDA) titled "The Ammo Police is not the Answer to the Criminal Use of Firearms." I use excerpts from the article, verbatim, in portions of the comments during both parts of reviewing the California Safety for all Act."

Portions of this Act will have a DETRIMENTAL impact on law abiding gun owners. Among the myriad of changes to state law, the measure would:

- Institute a total, confiscatory ban on the possession of "large capacity" magazines with a larger than 10 round capacity, regardless of when you purchased them, even legally owned "grand-fathered" magazines. Current legal magazine owners will be forced to turn them in, have them destroyed or sell them to a dealer.
- Add severe and expensive new restrictions on ammunition purchases, including a mandatory DOJ permit for anyone who wants to buy ammunition. There will be a ban on private ammunition sales and a gun owner database of ammunition purchasers. This "certificate" would take up to a month to obtain, would cost up to \$50 and would have to be renewed every two years. Names of those who have a certificate would appear on a database of certified ammunition purchasers
- Require all dealers in California to obtain an "ammunition vendors license" to sell ammunition.
- Ban ammunition purchased at a firing range from being removed from the firing range.
- Ban the private transfer of ammunition and ban the private importation of ammunition from out-of-state retailers.
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- Require gun stores to post a lengthy notice in letters one inch high, thus turning the walls of gun stores into legal wall paper.

The Act, bizarrely defines "ammunition" for purposes of these restrictions, as including things that are clearly NOT ammunition such as magazines, clips, speed loaders and autoloaders.

The large magazine capacity initiative will criminalize every Californian should they possess magazines carrying over 10 rounds making it a misdemeanor crime. This crime would be punishable by up to 364 days in jail and \$100 fine per magazine.

Californians who have legally purchased and possessed standard capacity magazines (usually 15 rounds) for decades will now be criminals and subject to lengthy jail sentences even though they have never used those magazines for any crime.

It is bad public policy to enact laws which the vast majority of Californians will ignore. It is worse public policy to enact measures which will not accomplish the goals they claim. Theoretically, the goal is not to criminalize law abiding gun owners.