
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

Senator Aisha Wahab, Chair

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Bill No: SB 1518 **Hearing Date:** April 23, 2024
Author: Committee on Public Safety
Version: April 16, 2024
Urgency: No **Fiscal:** No
Consultant: MK

Subject: *Public Safety Omnibus*

HISTORY

Source: Various

Prior Legislation: SB 883 (Committee on Public Safety) Chapter 311, Stats. 2023
SB 1493 (Committee on Public Safety) Chapter 197, Stats. 2022
SB 827 (Committee on Public Safety) Chapter 434, Stats. 2021
SB 781 (Committee on Public Safety) Chapter 256, Stats. 2019
SB 1494 (Committee on Public Safety) Chapter 423, Stats. 2018
SB 811 (Committee on Public Safety) Chapter 269, Stats. 2017
SB 1474 (Committee on Public Safety) Chapter 59, Stats. 2016
SB 795 (Committee on Public Safety) Chapter 499, Stats. 2015
SB 1461 (Committee on Public Safety) Chapter 54, Stats. 2014
SB 514 (Committee on Public Safety) Chapter 59, Stats. 2013
SB 1144 (Strickland) Chapter 867, Stats. 2012
SB 428 (Strickland) Chapter 304, Stats. 2011
SB 1062 (Strickland) Chapter 708, Stats. 2010
SB 174 (Strickland) Chapter 35, Stats. 2009
SB 1241 (Margett) Chapter 699, Stats. 2008
SB 425 (Margett) Chapter 302, Stats. 2007
SB 1422 (Margett) Chapter 901, Stats. 2006
SB 1107 (Committee on Public Safety) Chapter 279, Stats. 2005
SB 1796 (Committee on Public Safety) Chapter 405, Stats. 2004
SB 851 (Committee on Public Safety) Chapter 468, Stats. 2003
SB 1852 (Committee on Public Safety) Chapter 545, Stats. 2002
SB 485 (Committee on Public Safety) Chapter 473, Stats. 2001
SB 832 (Committee on Public Safety) Chapter 853, Stats. 1999
SB 1880 (Committee on Public Safety) Chapter 606, Stats. 1998

Support: Unknown

Opposition: None known

PURPOSE

The purpose of this bill is to make technical and non-controversial changes to various code sections relating generally to criminal justice laws, as specified.

Existing law provides that a person imprisoned before in the state prison brought before any court to be tried for any felony, or other specified matters, an order for removal to the county must be made by the superior court where the action is to be heard. (Penal Code § 2620)

This bill makes technical changes to reflect the unification of the superior and municipal courts.

Existing law establishes the penalties for possessing nine or more catalytic converters with increased penalties for subsequent violations. (Vehicle Code § 11500)

This bill corrects a drafting error describing the penalty for repeat offenses.

Existing law provides that each applicant for admission to a basic training course certified by the Commission on Peace Officers Standards and training that include the carrying and use of firearms, and is not sponsored by an agency or is not a peace officer submit a written certification from the Department of Justice that the person has no criminal background check that would disqualify him or her from owning or controlling a firearm. (Penal Code § 13511.5)

This bill instead provides that the certification from the Department of Justice says that they are eligible to possess, receive, and purchase a firearm under state and federal law.

This bill corrects a number of cross-reference and grammatical errors in various codes.

COMMENTS

1. Need for This Bill

This is the annual public safety omnibus bill. In past years, the omnibus bill has been introduced by all members of the Committee on Public Safety. This bill is similar to the ones introduced as Committee bills in the past, in that it has been introduced with the following understanding:

- The bill's provisions make only technical or minor substantive but non-controversial changes to the law; and,
- There is no opposition by any member of the Legislature or recognized group to the proposal.

This procedure has allowed for introduction of fewer minor bills and has saved the Legislature time and expense over the years.

2. Catalytic Converters

Existing law sets for penalties for illegally possessing nine or more catalytic converters with increasing penalties for repeat offenses. However, there was a drafting error and the word “misdemeanor” was not included for a fourth offense in a description of the penalty. This bill inserts the word misdemeanor where it was intended to be placed.

3. Not ineligible to carry a gun

Under existing law a person who is taking a POST training course involving firearms must get a certification from DOJ that they have no criminal history which would disqualify them from carrying a firearm. There could be something other than a criminal history that makes you ineligible to carry a firearm and this bill recognizes that by instead requiring the certification to state that the person is eligible to possess, receive, own, and purchase a firearm pursuant to state and federal law.

4. Other changes

This bill makes a number of technical, grammatical, and cross-reference changes in various code sections.

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