



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 169 without my signature.

Current law restricts the sale of so-called "off roster" handguns – with several exemptions. Exemptions include sales between private parties and sales of single-shot handguns. Current law also prohibits the sale of more than five handguns per year, whether off-roster or not, except by a licensed firearms dealer.

AB 169 would close a loophole in the single-shot exemption. That makes sense.

The bill would also restrict private party off-roster sales to two per year. I do not support restricting sales in this way without evidence that such restrictions would improve public safety.

I will work with the Bureau of Firearms in the Department of Justice to ensure better tracking and enforcement to prevent individuals from violating the existing five-per-year limit.

Sincerely,

  
Edmund G. Brown Jr.