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Assault Weapon Redefined

Effective January 1, 2017, Assembly Bill 1135 and Senate Bill 880 went into effect. These bills revise the definition of assault weapons to include “Bullet Button” firearms. “Bullet Button” firearms are considered assault weapons.

A “Bullet Button” firearm is a firearm that does not have a fixed magazine or that has an ammunition feeding device that can be readily removed from the firearm with the use of a tool (A bullet is often used to do this).

These Bills require that any person who, from January 1, 2001, to December 31, 2016, lawfully possessed an assault weapon that uses a “Bullet Button” shall register the firearm before January 1, 2018, but not before the effective date of the regulations adopted by the DOJ.

The Bills also defined the meaning of a “fixed magazine” to mean an ammunition feeding device contained in, or permanently attached to, a firearm in such a manner that the device cannot be removed without disassembly of the firearm action.

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 103, the assault weapon registration deadline has been extended through June 30, 2018.

As of August 08, 2017, the ability to register an assault weapon is now available. The following website allows for the registration of your firearms:

<https://cfars.doj.ca.gov/login!displayLogin.do>

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