

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS**

**AMENDMENT DATE:** April 14, 2011  
**POSITION:** Neutral

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 819  
**AUTHOR:** M. Leno

**BILL SUMMARY: Firearms**

This bill would authorize fees paid into the Dealer’s Record of Sale Account (DROS) to be used to fund specified regulatory and firearms enforcement activities performed by the Department of Justice (DOJ).

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

While this measure would not result in a direct fiscal impact, it is our understanding that if this bill is enacted, the DOJ intends to seek additional funding authority from the DROS to support additional enforcement activity related to the Armed Prohibited Persons Program (APPP). The APPP is currently supported by approximately \$4.9 million General Fund. Any request for additional expenditure authority would be subject to review and approval through the annual budget process.

We note that the DROS currently has a fund balance that could support additional expenditures. Currently annual revenues to the DROS exceed expenditures by approximately \$2 million.

**COMMENTS**

The Department of Finance is neutral on this bill.

Existing law authorized the Department of Justice to require a firearms dealer to charge each firearm purchaser a fee to fund various specified costs in connection with a background check of the purchaser, and to fund the costs associated with the firearms-related regulatory and enforcement activities related to the sale, purchase, loan, or transfer of firearms. This bill would authorize those charges to fund the department’s firearms-related regulatory and enforcement activities. This bill would also make related legislative findings and declarations.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)								Fund Code		
	(Dollars in Thousands)										
	SO	LA	CO	PROP	FC	2011-2012	FC	2012-2013		FC	2013-2014
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