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**NOTICE OF MODIFICATIONS TO
TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS**

Pursuant to the requirements of Government Code section 11346.8 (c), and section 44 of Title 1 of the California Code of Regulations, the Department of Justice is providing notice of changes made to proposed regulation section 977.50. Sections 977.20 and 977.50 are still open to an overlapping 15-day comment period ending June 13, 2001.

The Department will accept written comments regarding the proposed changes to section 977.50 between June 7, 2001 and June 22, 2001. All comments must be received by the Department no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 22, 2001, and addressed, e-mailed or faxed to:

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All written comments received by June 22, 2001, which pertain to the indicated changes in section 977.50 will be reviewed and responded to by the Department's staff as part of the compilation of the rulemaking file. Please limit your comments to the modifications of the text.

Text of Modified Regulations

The Department has illustrated changes to the text in the following manner: regulation language previously proposed is underlined; deletions from the language previously proposed are shown in strikeout using a "-"; and additions to the language previously proposed are double-underlined.

§ 977.50 - Gun Safe Standards

An acceptable gun safe is either one of the following:

- (a) A gun safe that meets all of the following standards:
 - (1) Shall be able to fully contain firearms and provide for their secure storage.
 - (2) Shall have a locking system consisting of at minimum a mechanical or electronic combination lock. The mechanical or electronic combination lock utilized by the safe shall have at least 10,000 possible combinations consisting of a minimum ~~four~~ three numbers, letters, or symbols. The lock shall be protected by a case-hardened (Rc 60+) drill-resistant steel plate, or drill-resistant material of equivalent strength.
 - (3) Boltwork shall consist of a minimum of three steel locking bolts of at least ½ inch thickness that intrude from the door of the safe into the body of the safe or from the body of the safe into the door of the safe, which are operated by a separate handle and secured by the lock.
 - (4) A gun safe shall be capable of repeated use. The exterior walls shall be constructed of a minimum 12-gauge thick steel for a single-walled safe, or the sum of the steel walls shall add up to at least .100 inches for safes with two walls. Doors shall be constructed of a minimum of two layers of 14-gauge steel, or one layer of 7-gauge steel plate, reinforced construction.
 - (5) Door hinges shall be protected to prevent the removal of the door. Protective features include, but are not limited to: hinges not exposed to the outside, interlocking door designs, dead bars, jeweler's lugs and active or inactive locking bolts.

- (b) A gun safe that is able to fully contain firearms and provide for their secure storage, and is listed as an Underwriters Laboratories Residential Security Container.

Authority cited: Sections 12088, 12088.2, Penal Code. Reference: Sections 12088, 12088.2, Penal Code.