

FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Update of Initial Statement of Reasons

There is no information to be updated. All of the information provided in the Initial Statement of Reasons is accurate and current. The amendment to Section 987.1 “Fees” was adopted as originally proposed.

Local Mandate Determination

The proposed regulation does not impose any mandate on local agencies or school districts.

Consideration of Alternatives

No alternative considered by the Department would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the regulation is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed regulation.

Alternative (lower) fees considered by the Department were rejected because they would not generate sufficient revenue to cover the costs required to enable the Department to conduct firearms dealer inspections at a frequency rate sufficient to protect public and peace officer safety by ensuring dealer compliance with current firearm laws. Because of the statutory mandate that the Department’s costs be offset through dealer fees, the fiscal impact is unavoidable.

Comments Received During the Initial Notice Period (02/01/2002 - 03/19/2002)

The Department did not receive any comments from the Trade and Commerce Agency, the OPR Small Business Advocate, nor any other interested party regarding the proposed regulation during the notice/comment period which included a public hearing held to receive oral testimony/comment.