Dates 2016 Gun Laws Take Effect

Theft/Loss Reporting	
Day it becomes a crime to falsely report to a police officer that a firearm has been lost or stolen	January 1, 2017
Day that the crime of falsely reporting that a firearm has been lost or stolen to a police officer is added to the list of convictions that result in a 10-year firearm prohibition	January 1, 2017
Date individuals will be required to report the theft or loss of a firearm to a local law enforcement agency where the theft or loss occurred within five days when you knew or should have known that the firearm was lost or stolen	July 1, 2017
Amendments to Lending Exemption	
Day the "personally known" exception to the loan restriction goes away	January 1, 2017
"Large-Capacity Magazine" Restrictions	
Day that "large-capacity magazines" can be sold to federal law enforcement	November 9, 2016
Day it becomes illegal to possess a "large-capacity magazine"	July 1, 2017
"Assault Weapons" Restrictions	
Last day to apply to purchase a newly designated "assault weapon"	December 21, 2016 (i.e. ten days before the new definition of an "assault weapon" takes effect. This assumes there will be no delays in the transfer.)
Last day to receive/be in possession of a newly designated "assault weapon" in order to be exempt from the restriction	December 31, 2016
The day the new definition of an "assault weapon" takes effect	January 1, 2017

Last day to register a newly designated "assault weapon"	December 31, 2017
Restrictions on "Ghost Guns"	
Date that you must seek permission and identifying information before you manufacture or assemble a firearm	July 1, 2018
Last day to meet the requirements for obtaining and placing the serial number or other identification mark on any firearm possessed after July 1, 2018 that does not have a serial number	December 31, 2018
Ammunition Restrictions	
Date ammunition sales must be conducted through an ammunition vendor	January 1, 2018
Date ammunition sales, deliveries, and transfers of ownership must occur in a face-to-face transaction with the seller, deliverer or transferor	January 1, 2018
Date California residents will be prohibited from bringing or transporting any ammunition into California that was purchased or otherwise obtained from outside of the state	January 1, 2018
Date ammunition vendors cannot sell or otherwise transfer ownership of any ammunition without, at the time of delivering the ammunition, first record and submit certain pieces of information about the purchaser to the California Department of Justice	July 1, 2019
Date ammunition vendors can only transfer or sell ammunition to people who the DOJ verifies are authorized to purchase ammunition	July 1, 2019
Handgun Storage Law	
Date individuals must store handguns in a locked container or in a locked trunk when leaving the handgun in an unattended vehicle	January 1, 2017