

3D-printed guns may be banned in Calif.

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Prompted by growing concerns by law-enforcement authorities over undetectable 3D-printed guns, California is considering a new law that would make it a crime to assemble a weapon without permission from the state.

A Democratic state lawmaker from Los Angeles pushing a bill that would require anybody who constructs a homemade firearm to first obtain a unique serial number or other identification mark from the state attorney general's office. Within a day of assembly, the number or mark "shall be engraved or permanently affixed to the firearm."

People banned by state or federal law from possessing or owning a firearm would be barred from constructing the weapons. Violators would face up to a year in prison. The state would also be authorized to charge applicants a fee for the registrations.

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