

Mixed reactions to Brown's stance on gun bills

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Gov. Jerry Brown signed legislation Friday banning the use of lead ammunition in hunting in California, but he vetoed the most controversial gun control bill the Legislature sent to him this year, a proposal to ban the sale of certain semi-automatic rifles.

In mixed action on a high-profile package of gun control bills, the Democratic governor signed legislation requiring buyers of long guns to obtain firearm safety certificates, but he vetoed measures to limit the transfer of unsafe handguns and to let Oakland enact its own, more restrictive, gun control regulations.

While environmentalists claimed a victory on the lead ammunition ban and the National Rifle Association took heart in Brown's veto of the semi-automatic rifle bill, gun control activists were crestfallen.

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