Details:
California law prohibits any person from selling, leasing, or transferring any firearm unless the person is a licensed firearms dealer.

Senate Bill 1384, signed by Governor Newsom on September 30, 2022, created new requirements for licensed firearms dealers to maintain a digital video surveillance system on their premises which must also include audio surveillance for systems located indoors.

The newly required digital surveillance systems must record all entries and exits to the building, all areas where firearms are displayed, and all points of sale. Surveillance must be sufficient to identify all parties involved in any firearm transactions and must record for 24 hours per day.

Digital surveillance systems, as required by Senate Bill 1384, must be in place and active by January 1, 2024, giving firearms dealers in California just over a year to comply with these new requirements.

Licensed firearms dealers will be required to display a sign notifying the public of the existence of the digital surveillance systems as well as annually report to the California Department of Justice that the systems are in working order.

Key Dates:
Senate Bill 1384 was signed by Governor Newsom on September 30, 2022.

Digital Surveillance systems as required by Senate Bill 1384 must be installed and in operation by January 1, 2024.

Bill Text:
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB1384#99INT