

State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 279

SENATE BILL NO. 594

By Roberts

Substituted for: House Bill No. 712

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-11-106; Section 39-13-103 and Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to firearms.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-11-106, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(11) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(11) "Firearm":

(A) Means:

(i) Any weapon that will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive;

(ii) The frame or receiver of any such weapon;

(iii) Any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; or

(iv) Any destructive device; and

(B) Does not include an antique firearm;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-11-106(a), is amended by adding the following as new, appropriately designated subdivisions:

() "Antique firearm" means:

(A) Any firearm, including any firearm with a matchlock, flintlock, percussion cap, or similar type of ignition system, manufactured in or before the year 1898;

(B) Any replica of any firearm described in subdivision (a)() (A)(i) if such replica:

(i) Is not designed or redesigned for using rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition; or

(ii) Uses rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition which is no longer manufactured in the United States and which is not readily available in the ordinary channels of commercial trade; or

(C) Any muzzle loading rifle, muzzle loading shotgun, or muzzle loading pistol, which is designed to use black powder, or a black powder substitute, and which cannot use fixed ammunition;

() "Destructive device":

(A) Means:

(i) Any explosive, incendiary, or poison gas:

(a) Bomb;

(b) Grenade;

(c) Rocket having a propellant charge of more than four ounces (4 oz.);

(d) Missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than one-quarter ounce (0.25 oz.);

(e) Mine; or

(f) Device similar to any of the devices described in subdivisions (a)() (A)(i)(a)-(e); and

(ii) Any combination of parts either designed or intended for use in converting any device into any destructive device described in subdivision (a)() (A)(i) and from which a destructive device may be readily assembled; and

(B) Does not include:

(i) Any device that is neither designed nor redesigned for use as a weapon;

(ii) Any device, although originally designed for use as a weapon, that is redesigned for use as a signaling, pyrotechnic, line throwing, safety, or similar device;

(iii) Surplus ordnance sold, loaned, or given by the secretary of the Army pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 7684(2), 10 U.S.C. § 7685, or 10 U.S.C. § 7686;

(iv) Any antique or rifle which the owner intends to use solely for sporting purposes; or

(v) Any other device that is not likely to be used as a weapon;


SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-103(b)(3), is amended by adding the language "or antique firearm" immediately after the language "discharging a firearm".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1324, is amended by adding the language "or antique firearm" immediately after the language "firearm" wherever it appears.


SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 22, 2019



RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



GLEN CASADA, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 2nd day of May 2019



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR