

SENATE BILL 2701

By Bowling

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
relative to handgun carry permits.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351(m), is amended by deleting the language "or renew" and by deleting the last sentence of the subsection.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351, is amended by deleting subsection (n) and substituting instead the following:

(n)

(1) A permit issued pursuant to this section shall entitle the permit holder to carry any handgun or handguns that the permit holder legally owns or possesses. An enhanced handgun carry permit shall not expire and shall continue to be valid for the life of the permit holder unless the permit holder no longer meets the requirements of this section. The permit holder shall have the permit in the holder's immediate possession at all times when carrying a handgun in a location or manner that would be prohibited if not for the person's status as an enhanced handgun carry permit holder and shall display the permit on demand of a law enforcement officer under such circumstances.

(2) After the initial issuance of an enhanced handgun carry permit, the department shall conduct a name-based criminal history record check every four (4) years.

(3)

(A) Upon discovery that an enhanced handgun carry permit holder no longer satisfies the requirements of this section, the department shall suspend or

revoke the permit pursuant to § 39-17-1352. If the enhanced handgun carry permit holder's permit is suspended or revoked, the permit holder shall deliver, in person or by mail, the permit to the department within thirty (30) days of the suspension or revocation.

(B) If the department does not receive the enhanced handgun carry permit holder's suspended or revoked permit within thirty (30) days of the suspension or revocation, the department shall send notice to the permit holder that:

(i) The permit holder has thirty (30) days from the date of the notice to deliver the permit, in person or by mail, to the department; and

(ii) If the permit holder fails to deliver the suspended or revoked permit to the department within thirty (30) days of the date of the notice, the department will suspend the permit holder's driver license.

(C) If the department does not receive the enhanced handgun carry permit holder's suspended or revoked permit within thirty (30) days of the date of the notice provided by the department, the department shall suspend the permit holder's driver license in the same manner as provided in § 55-50-502.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351(o)(1)(D), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead:

(D) The permit number and issuance date.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351(o)(2), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(2) A permit holder whose enhanced handgun carry permit was issued prior to July 1, 2022, may submit the permit to the department of safety, who shall provide the

permit holder with a replacement permit that does not include an expiration date. The department of safety may change a reissuance fee for the replacement permit.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351, is amended by deleting subsections (q) and (x).

SECTION 6. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to enhanced handgun carry permits issued before, on, or after that date.