

HOUSE BILL 1579

By Mitchell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 54; Section 36-3-625; Section 38-3-119; Title 39 and Section 40-14-109, relative to restricting certain types of firearms.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1)

(A) "Assault weapon" means any of the following:

(i) A semiautomatic, centerfire rifle that has the capacity to accept a detachable magazine and any one (1) of the following:

(a) A pistol grip that protrudes conspicuously beneath the action of the weapon;

(b) A thumbhole stock;

(c) A folding or telescoping stock;

(d) A grenade launcher or flare launcher;

(e) A flash suppressor; or

(f) A forward pistol grip;

(ii) A semiautomatic, centerfire rifle that has a fixed magazine with the capacity to accept more than ten (10) rounds;

(iii) A semiautomatic, centerfire rifle that has an overall length of less than thirty inches (30"); and

(B) "Assault weapon" does not include any antique firearm, as defined in § 39-11-106;

(2) "Capacity to accept more than ten (10) rounds" means capable of accommodating more than ten (10) rounds, but does not include a feeding device that has been permanently altered so that it cannot accommodate more than ten (10) rounds; and

(3) "Magazine" means any ammunition feeding device.

(b)

(1) Notwithstanding a law to the contrary, it is an offense for a person to:

(A) Purchase or attempt to purchase an assault weapon; or

(B) Sell or offer to sell an assault weapon to a person.

(2) A violation of this subsection (b) is a Class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.