

SENATE BILL 339

By Niceley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,  
Chapter 17, Part 13 and Title 40, relative to  
firearms.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1307(a), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

(1) A person commits an offense who carries with the intent to go armed:

(A) A firearm other than a handgun or a club; or

(B) A handgun without authorization under § 39-17-1315 or § 39-17-

1351.

(2)

(A) The first violation of subdivision (a)(1)(A) is a Class C misdemeanor, and, in addition to possible imprisonment as provided by law, is punishable by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500).

(B) A second or subsequent violation of subdivision (a)(1)(A) is a Class B misdemeanor.

(C) A violation of subdivision (a)(1)(A) is a Class A misdemeanor if the person's carrying of a firearm other than a handgun occurred at a place open to the public where one (1) or more persons were present.

(3)

(A) A first violation of subdivision (a)(1)(B) is a Class C misdemeanor punishable only by a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

(B) A second or subsequent violation of subdivision (a)(1)(B) is a Class C misdemeanor punishable only by a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00).

(C) A person who violates subdivision (a)(1)(B) shall be issued a citation in lieu of arrest in accordance with § 40-7-118, and a law enforcement officer shall not confiscate the person's handgun solely for a violation of subdivision (a)(1)(B).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-7-118(b)(3), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

The offense of carrying a handgun without authorization, in violation of § 39-17-1307(a)(1)(B);

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.