

SENATE BILL 2316

By Southerland

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, 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 39-17-1307, is amended by deleting subdivision (b)(1)(A) and substituting instead the following:

(A) Has been convicted of a felony crime of violence or a felony involving a deadly weapon; or

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351, is amended by deleting subdivision (j)(3) and substituting instead the following:

(3) The applicant, who was rendered infamous or deprived of the rights of citizenship by judgment of any state or federal court, has had the applicant's full rights of citizenship duly restored pursuant to procedures set forth within title 40, chapter 29, or other federal or state law; provided, however, that this subdivision (j)(3) shall not apply to any person who has been convicted of a felony crime of violence, a felony drug offense, or a felony offense involving use of a deadly weapon; or

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1316, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(2)(D) and substituting instead the following:

(D) The person is not prohibited from possessing a firearm by § 39-17-1307(b).

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1307, is amended by deleting subdivision (c)(1) and substituting instead the following:

(1) A person commits an offense who possesses a handgun and has been convicted of a felony unless:

(A) The person has been pardoned for the offense;

(B) The felony conviction has been expunged; or

(C) The person's civil rights have been restored pursuant to title 40, chapter 29, and the restoration order does not specifically prohibit the person from possessing firearms.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351, is amended by deleting subdivision (b)(2) and substituting instead the following:

(2) The applicant is at least eighteen (18) years of age; and

(A) Is an honorably discharged or retired veteran of the United States armed forces or is a member of the United States armed forces on active duty status; or

(B) Is a current or former member of the army national guard, the army reserve, the navy reserve, the marine corps reserve, the air national guard, the air force reserve, or the coast guard reserve, who has successfully completed a basic training program; and

(C)

(i) Includes with the application a certified copy of the applicant's certificate of release or discharge from active duty, department of defense form 214 (DD 214); or

(ii) Includes with the application a military identification card or such other document as the commissioner designates as sufficient proof that the applicant is an active duty member of the military or an active or former member of the national guard or United States military reserve.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.