

# TENNESSEE FIREARMS **ASSOCIATION**

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# Tennessee Firearms Association

Calendar Report - Week of February 25, 2019

Mon 2/25/19 4:30pm - Senate Chamber, Senate Consent 2

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CRIMINAL LAW: Renewal of handgun carry permits. Authorizes the safety department to contract with a local government agency for the Southerland renewal of handgun carry permits. Authorizes an agency contracting with the department charge an additional fee of \$4 for each renewal application.

# Amendment Summary:

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Senate Status: 02/21/19 - Set for Senate Consent 2 02/25/19.

House Status: 02/21/19 - Set for House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee 02/27/19.

Executive Status: Senate Consent 2; House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351, relative to the renewal of handgun carry permits.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 02/21/19

Position: Priority: Comment:

HB731 - M. Hall - 02/21/19 - Set for House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee 02/27/19.

Tue 2/26/19 3:00pm - Senate Hearing Rm I, Senate Judiciary Committee

MEMBERS: CHAIR M. Bell (R); VICE CHAIR J. Lundberg (R); 2ND VICE CHAIR D. White (R); J. Bowling (R); T. Gardenhire (R); S. Kyle (D); K. Roberts (R); K. Robinson (D); J. Stevens (R)

Massey B.

SB1341

CRIMINAL LAW: Firearms dispossession forms for domestic violence defendants. Requires the domestic violence state coordinating council in consultation with the administrative office of the courts to develop an affidavit of firearms dispossession form that must be signed following a conviction for a domestic violence offense. Orders the administrative office of the courts to post the form on its website where it can be copied by defendants or provided to them by the court or court clerk for signature upon conviction.

# **Amendment Summary:**

Fiscal Note:

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House Status: 02/21/19 - Set for House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee 02/27/19.

Executive Status: Senate Judiciary Committee; House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-111, relative to domestic violence offenders.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 02/21/19

Position: Priority: Comment:

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HB1295 - A. Farmer - 02/21/19 - Set for House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee 02/27/19.

5. **SB35** Gilmore B.

**CRIMINAL LAW: Offense of reckless endangerment by discharging a firearm into a parade or religious service.** Creates a Class C felony offense of reckless endangerment when someone discharges a firearm into a parade, religious service, concert, athletic event, political event, educational event, or into any other group of 25 or more people who are lawfully assembled.

Amendment Summary:

Fiscal Note:

Senate Status: 02/21/19 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 02/26/19.

House Status: 02/20/19 - Taken off notice in House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**Executive Status:** Senate Judiciary Committee; House Criminal Justice Subcommittee;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 1, relative to reckless endangerment.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 02/21/19

**Position:** Oppose

Priority:

**Comment:** Existing statutes and case law on reckless endangerment is adequate.

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HB135 - H. Love Jr. - 02/20/19 - Taken off notice in House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

8. **SB594 CRIMINAL LAW: Definitions of firearm, antique firearm, and destructive device.** Updates the definitions of "firearm" and "antique firearm" Roberts K. to mirror definitions under federal law and defines a "destructive device."

Amendment Summary:

Fiscal Note:

Senate Status: 02/21/19 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 02/26/19.

House Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee.

Executive Status: Senate Judiciary Committee; House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee;

<u>Caption:</u> AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-11-106; Section 39-13-103 and Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to

CRIMINAL LAW: Theft of property that includes firearm. Increases penalty for theft of firearms valued under \$2,500 to a Class D felony.

firearms.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 02/21/19

**Position:** Support

<u>Priority:</u> <u>Comment:</u>

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HB712 - J. Faison - 02/11/19 - Referred to House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee.

9. SB681 Gardenhire

Gardenhire Broadly captioned.
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Fiscal Note:

 $\underline{\textit{Senate Status:}} \ \ 02/21/19 \ \text{- Set for Senate Judiciary Committee } \ 02/26/19.$ 

**House Status:** 02/11/19 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**Executive Status:** Senate Judiciary Committee; House Criminal Justice Subcommittee;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37; Title 39 and Title 40, Chapter 35, relative to criminal law.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 02/21/19

<u>Position:</u> <u>Priority:</u>

Comment:

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HB825 - P. Sherrell - 02/11/19 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

17. SB403

Stevens J.

**CRIMINAL LAW: Mandatory sentence for theft of a firearm.** Requires a mandatory 30-day sentence for firearm theft, creates the Class D felony offense of bringing weapons, controlled substances or telecommunication devices into a penal institution, allows those with revoked or restricted driver license due solely to being habitual offender may petition the court that originally revoked their license to reinstate the person's driver license.

#### Amendment Summary:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 11, 2019) Increase State Expenditures Net Impact \$10,713,700\* Increase Local Expenditures \$302,700\*\*

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House Status: 02/21/19 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 02/27/19.

**Executive Status:** Senate Judiciary Committee; House Criminal Justice Subcommittee;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39; Title 40 and Title 55, relative to criminal law.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 02/21/19

Position: Oppose

Priority:

Comment: This bill seems to cover diverse unrelated topics and is suspicious as perhaps a "head fake" bill.

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HB167 - W. Lamberth - 02/21/19 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 02/27/19.

19. **SB446** Bell M.

**CRIMINAL LAW:** Second Amendment Civil Rights Act of 2019. Enacts the "Second Amendment Civil Rights Act of 2019," which prohibits a government entity from enacting or enforcing ordinances, rules, regulations, or policies that prohibit the ownership, construction, or operation of privately owned or operated gun or sport shooting ranges. Confers private rights of action upon a person to challenge government regulation of gun or sport shooting ranges.

# **Amendment Summary:**

Fiscal Note:

Senate Status: 02/21/19 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 02/26/19.

House Status: 02/21/19 - Set for House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee 02/27/19.

Executive Status: Senate Judiciary Committee; House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee;

<u>Caption:</u> AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, relative to firearms, arms, ammunition, or firearms accessories.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 02/21/19

**Position:** Support

Priority:

**Comment:** The bill would prohibit local government officials from discriminating against individuals or groups who are involved with sporting, hunting, or 2nd Amendment related functions in the rental of public properties that are made available for public rentals.

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HB187 - J. Reedy - 02/21/19 - Set for House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee 02/27/19.

Wed 2/27/19 11:00am - House Hearing Rm III, House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee

 $MEMBERS: CHAIR A. \ Holt (R); J. \ Deberry \ Jr. (D); P. \ Hazlewood (R); G. \ Hicks (R); M. \ Hill (R); S. \ Lynn (R); B. \ Ogles (R); C. \ Sexton (R); J. \ Shaw (D)$ 

4. **HB41** VanHuss J.

**CRIMINAL LAW:** Handgun carry permits for persons in military stationed out of state. Requires the department of safety to issue a handgun carry permit containing zeros in place of an expiration date upon request by a permit holder or applicant who is in the armed forces and stationed outside the state.

Amendment Summary: Senate amendment 1, House Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (002600) rewrites this bill to require that the following language is printed on the back of handgun carry permit cards: This permit is valid beyond the expiration date if the permit holder can provide documentation of the holder's active military status and duty station outside Tennessee. The provisions of this amendment will take effect on the earlier of: (1) 30 days after the date upon which the commissioner of safety provides written notification to the secretary of state and the executive secretary of the Tennessee code commission that the department of safety's "A-list" driver license program is capable of implementing this act; or (2) January 1, 2020.

<u>Fiscal Note:</u> (Dated January 29, 2019) Other Fiscal Impact To the extent redesign of the handgun carry permit card can be accomplished with one of two available allowances permitted by the current third party vendor contract, any impact would be not significant. Otherwise, redesign of the card will result in a one-time state expenditure estimated to exceed \$15,000.

Senate Status: 02/13/19 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (002600).

House Status: 02/21/19 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 02/27/19.

Executive Status: House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351, relative to military personnel.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 02/21/19

Position: Neutral

<u>Priority:</u> <u>Comment:</u>

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SB95 - B. Watson - 02/13/19 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (002600).

# Wed 2/27/19 11:00am - Senate Hearing Rm I, Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee

The committee will hear a presentation on the TN Environmental Council by Jeffrey Barrie, Interim CEO, and on Aglaunch by Pete Nelson, Executive Director. MEMBERS: CHAIR S. Southerland (R); VICE CHAIR F. Niceley (R); 2ND VICE CHAIR M. Pody (R); R. Kurita (I); D. White (R); K. Robinson (D); J. Johnson (R); D. Gresham (R); R. Akbari (D); S. Reeves (R)

3. SB424 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Expands definition of persons who may engage in the sport of hunting and fishing on farmlands without a license. Allows parents of landowners and tenants of farmlands to hunt and fish on such land without a license.

**Amendment Summary:** 

Fiscal Note:

Senate Status: 02/21/19 - Set for Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee 02/27/19.

<u>House Status:</u> 02/06/19 - Referred to House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee.

Executive Status: Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee; House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee;

<u>Caption:</u> AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70, relative to persons who may engage in the sport of hunting and fishing on farmlands without a license.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 02/21/19

Position: Neutral

<u>Priority:</u> <u>Comment:</u>

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HB408 - C. Doggett - 02/06/19 - Referred to House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee.

# Wed 2/27/19 12:30pm - House Hearing Rm I, House Judiciary Committee

The committee will see a video by the Justice Action Network. MEMBERS: CHAIR M. Curcio (R); VICE CHAIR J. Garrett (R); A. Farmer (R); M. Littleton (R); B. Mitchell (D); B. Ogles (R); A. Parkinson (D); J. Potts (D); I. Rudder (R); B. Sanderson (R); P. Sherrell (R); J. Towns Jr. (D); J. VanHuss (R); W. Lamberth (R); C. Johnson (R); B. Hulsey (R); B. Beck (D); K. Camper (D); M. Carter (R); M. Daniel (R); C. Doggett (R); R. Eldridge (R); J. Faison (R); B. Griffey (R); D. Howell (R)

10. **HB1264** Holt A.

**CRIMINAL LAW: Creates a concealed handgun carry permit.** Creates a concealed handgun carry permit, which allows a person to carry a concealed handgun. Redesignates the existing handgun carry permit as an enhanced handgun carry permit.

Amendment Summary: House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee amendment 1 (004347) removes direct references to the NRA, removes participation in organized shooting competitions as handgun competence demonstration, requires the county sheriff to verify eligibility requirements for handgun license applicants, requires the TBI conduct nationwide background checks with applicant fingerprints forwarded from DOS, increases time handgun carry permits are valid to from five to eight years, requires the issuance of the permit into a laminated card with photo id, physical identifiers, permit number, and issuance and expiration date, establishes requirements for firearms training or safety courses, and changes the effective date to January 1, 2020. Orders a CCHP be issued on a wallet-sized laminated card the same approximate size as driver licenses with the holder's name, address, date of birth, physical description, permit number, issuance, expiration dates, and a color photograph. House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee amendment 2 (004503) deletes and replaces language of the legislation without making any substantive changes.

Fiscal Note:

<u>Senate Status:</u> 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee. <u>House Status:</u> 02/21/19 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 02/27/19.

Executive Status: Senate Judiciary Committee; House Judiciary Committee;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10; Title 33; Title 38 and Title 39, relative to handgun carry permits.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 02/21/19

Position: Amend

Priority:

**Comment:** The bill would, it appears, create a situation where there are two classes of handgun permits and distinctly different standards for each. One if the existing permit which is being redesignated as an "enhanced" permit. The other would be issued based on lower testing and fees and would be a concealed only permit. Also, there is a concern regarding how many states may terminate reciprocity based on the dual permitting proposal.

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SB705 - J. Stevens - 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

Wed 2/27/19 3:30pm - House Hearing Rm II, House Criminal Justice Subcommittee

MEMBERS: CHAIR A. Farmer (R); K. Camper (D); M. Curcio (R); C. Doggett (R); W. Lamberth (R); B. Ogles (R); A. Parkinson (D)

11. HB167 Lamberth W. **CRIMINAL LAW: Mandatory sentence for theft of a firearm.** Requires a mandatory 30-day sentence for firearm theft, creates the Class D felony offense of bringing weapons, controlled substances or telecommunication devices into a penal institution, allows those with revoked or restricted driver license due solely to being habitual offender may petition the court that originally revoked their license to reinstate the person's driver license.

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SB403 - J. Stevens - 02/21/19 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 02/26/19.

Wed 2/27/19 5:00pm - House Hearing Rm II, House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee

MEMBERS: CHAIR J. VanHuss (R); M. Curcio (R); R. Eldridge (R); B. Griffey (R); B. Mitchell (D); B. Sanderson (R); P. Sherrell (R)

1. HB1295 Farmer A. CRIMINAL LAW: Firearms dispossession forms for domestic violence defendants. Requires the domestic violence state coordinating council in consultation with the administrative office of the courts to develop an affidavit of firearms dispossession form that must be signed following a conviction for a domestic violence offense. Orders the administrative office of the courts to post the form on its website where it can be copied by defendants or provided to them by the court or court clerk for signature upon conviction.

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SB1341 - B. Massey - 02/21/19 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 02/26/19.

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AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 02/21/19

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SB907 - S. Southerland - 02/21/19 - Set for Senate Consent 2 02/25/19.

HB1460 CRIMINAL LAW: Fees for lifetime handgun permits for former law enforcement officers. Waives the fee for obtaining a lifetime handgun Sherrell P. carry permit for former law enforcement officers, POST certified or had equivalent training, who served at least 10 years and left the law enforcement agency while in good standing.

# Amendment Summary:

Fiscal Note:

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House Status: 02/21/19 - Set for House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee 02/27/19.

Executive Status: Senate Judiciary Committee; House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351, relative to lifetime handgun permits for former law enforcement officers.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 02/21/19

Position: Priority: Comment:

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SB1347 - M. Pody - 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

4. **HB187** 

Reedy J.

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SB446 - M. Bell - 02/21/19 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 02/26/19.

5. **HB409** 

Griffey B.

**CRIMINAL LAW: Civil or criminal immunity for person who uses force in self-defense.** Confers criminal and civil immunity upon a person who uses or threatens to use force in self-defense, defense of another, or defense from a person committing a criminal offense, unless the person against whom the force is used is a law enforcement officer acting in the performance of the officer's official duties and has identified himself or herself as a law enforcement officer.

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House Status: 02/21/19 - Set for House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee 02/27/19.

**Executive Status:** Senate Judiciary Committee; House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee;

<u>Caption:</u> AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 11, Part 6 and Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to civil and criminal immunity.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 02/21/19

**Priority:** 1 - Top-tier

<u>Comment:</u> TFA strongly supports this legislation as written. It is designed to modify current state law to require that law enforcement and district attorneys evaluate whether the matter involves a justifiable civilian self-defense incident prior to bringing criminal charges.

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SB1275 - M. Pody - 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.