



## Tennessee Firearms Association

Bill Status Report - February 21, 2020 Bills with any activity since 2020-02-17

### SB88/HB134 **CRIMINAL LAW: Expunction of certain criminal records.**



Sen. Akbari, Raumesh

Rep. Love Jr., Harold

*Summary:* Permits filing of petitions for record expunctions after three years for misdemeanors and five years for felonies.

*Amendment* House Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (013393) changes the effective date to July 1, 2020.

*Summary:*

*Subcommittee* Constitutional\_Protections\_and\_Sentencing\_Subcommittee\_02.04.20.pdf

*Amendments:*

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 18, 2019) Increase State Revenue Exceeds \$2,400,000/One-Time/TBI Exceeds \$6,240,000/One-Time/District Attorneys Expunction Fund Increase Local Revenue Exceeds \$4,800,000/One-Time

*Intro Dates:* S: 01/28/19, H: 01/28/19

*Senate Status:* 01/30/19 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/19/20 - Taken off notice in House Judiciary Committee after adopting amendment 1 (013393), which changes the effective date to July 1, 2020.

*Executive*

*Status:*

*Committees:* Senate Judiciary Committee  
House Judiciary Committee

*Public Chapter:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 32, Part 1, relative to the expunction of certain criminal records.

*AG Opinion:*

*Last Action* 02/19/20

*Date:*

*Cosponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara;

*Effective Date:*

*Position:* Neutral

*Priority:*

*Comment:*

### SB590/HB626 **MEDIA & PUBLISHING: Record requests that constitute harassment.**



Sen. Haile, Ferrell

Rep. Lamberth, William

*Summary:* If a person makes a request to view or copy a public record that constitutes harassment, authorizes the records custodian charged with fulfilling the request to petition a court of competent jurisdiction for an order to enjoin the person from making records requests and recover fees and costs.

*Amendment**Summary:*

House Judiciary amendment 1 (007656) allows a records custodian to request relief from filing requests that constitute harassment. Allows a court upon finding that a person's records requests constitute harassment to give a government entity the ability to charge the requestor for future requests for the following one-year period. Requires each state and local government entity to provide basic government information on their website no later than January 1, 2020. Agendas must be available on the website at least 48 hours prior to meetings. Allows a governing body to publish a draft of meeting minutes on their website or otherwise is required to provide contact information for the public to request a copy of meeting minutes. Requires publishing public meeting documents 48 hours prior to non-emergency meetings. Requires basic government information be available at an accessible physical location where copies are readily available at no cost to persons requesting copies 48 hours prior to non-emergency meetings. Authorizes office of open records council to provide guidance to local government entities concerning compliance. Requires the advisory committee on open government provide a report and recommendations on basic government information provided to citizens on government websites to the general assembly by January 1, 2021. Senate Judiciary Committee Amendment 1 (008060) defines "harassment" as requesting to view a person's public records nine times, instead of three times. allows a records custodian to request relief from filing requests that constitute harassment. Allows a court upon finding that a person's records requests constitute harassment to give a government entity the ability to charge the requestor for future requests for the following one-year period. Requires each state and local government entity to provide basic government information on their website no later than January 1, 2020. Agendas must be available on the website at least 48 hours prior to meetings. Allows a governing body to publish a draft of meeting minutes on their website or otherwise is required to provide contact information for the public to request a copy of meeting minutes. Requires publishing public meeting documents 48 hours prior to non-emergency meetings. Requires basic government information be available at an accessible physical location where copies are readily available at no cost to persons requesting copies 48 hours prior to non-emergency meetings. Authorizes office of open records council to provide guidance to local government entities concerning compliance. Requires the advisory committee on open government provide a report and recommendations on basic government information provided to citizens on government websites to the general assembly by January 1, 2021. House Civil Justice Subcommittee amendment 1 (006325) removes requirement that courts issue an order allowing a government entity to charge a requestor for future requests to view public records if that person's request constituted harassment. Requires government entities petitioning a court for relief provide a written report to the office of open records counsel that includes a copy of the petition and any other relative orders issued by the court no later than three months after the petition is made. Increases from three to 12 or more times in one year a person can request public records before their requests are considered harassment. Defines "legitimate purpose." Requires state and local government entities provide basic government information on their respective websites or on their respective state, county, or municipality's website. Defines "basic government information."

*Subcommittee* Civil\_Justice\_Sub\_04.02.19.pdf

*Amendments:*

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 19, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/19, H: 02/06/19

*Senate Status:* 02/18/20 - Failed in Senate Judiciary Committee after adopting amendment 1 (014901).

*House Status:* 01/29/20 - Taken off notice in House Judiciary Committee.

*Executive**Status:*

*Committees:* Senate Judiciary Committee  
House Judiciary Committee

*Public Chapter:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5 and Title 29, relative to public records requests.

*AG Opinion:*

*Last Action* 02/18/20

*Date:*

*Cosponsors:* Rep. Garrett, Johnny ; Rep. White, Mark;

*Effective Date:*

*Position:* Oppose

*Priority:*

*Comment:* Legislation seeks to start creating "stonewalling" procedures for citizens seeking to obtain copies of or access to "public" records.

## SB1571/HB2023 **CRIMINAL LAW: Carrying of firearms by inmate relations coordinators or correctional officers.**



Sen. Yager, Ken

Rep. Windle, John

*Summary:*

Requires the secretary of state, in consultation with the commissioner of correction, to issue state identification cards, which serve as proof that the holder is authorized to carry a firearm as law enforcement, to inmate relations coordinators and correctional officers who have completed the appropriate probationary period established by the department of correction, rather than only to those who are vested.

*Amendment**Summary:**Subcommittee**Amendments:*

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 23, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* S: 01/14/20, H: 01/30/20

*Senate Status:* 02/13/20 - Senate passed.

*House Status:* 02/20/20 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 02/26/20.

*Executive**Status:*

*Committees:* House Judiciary Committee

*Public Chapter:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 8 and Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to carrying firearms.

*AG Opinion:*

*Last Action* 02/20/20

*Date:*

*Cosponsors:*

*Effective Date:*

*Position:* Oppose

*Priority:*

*Comment:* This bill creates a special class of civilians when "off duty" based on their job duties. TFA generally opposes any legislation that creates special rights or privileges for civilians when off duty or retired based on their job or prior employment.

**SB1722/HB2368 CRIMINAL LAW: Transportation and storage of firearms in motor vehicles.**



Sen. Kyle, Sara

Rep. Hardaway, G.A.

*Summary:* Repeals statute allowing handgun permit carriers to store or transport firearms or ammunition in motor vehicles when parked in private or public parking areas if the items are hidden from view. Broadly captioned.

*Amendment*

*Summary:*

*Subcommittee*

*Amendments:*

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 21, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* S: 01/22/20, H: 02/05/20

*Senate Status:* 01/23/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/20/20 - Set for House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee 02/25/20.

*Executive*

*Status:*

*Committees:* Senate Judiciary Committee

House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee

*Public Chapter:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39; Title 49 and Title 50, relative to firearms.

*AG Opinion:*

*Last Action* 02/20/20

*Date:*

*Cosponsors:* Rep. Clemmons, John;

*Effective Date:*

*Position:* Oppose

*Priority:*

*Comment:* Typical urban Democrat gun control legislation.

**SB1985/HB2027 CRIMINAL LAW: Extends validity of enhanced handgun permits.**



Sen. Stevens, John

Rep. Lamberth, William

*Summary:* Extends the validity of enhanced handgun carry permits issued on or after January 1, 2021 for the duration of the permit holder's life. Requires the department of safety to run a name based criminal history check every five years to determine if the permit holder continues to meet requirements and if not, the department must revoke or suspend the permit. Creates other requirements regarding the suspension of a permit.

*Amendment*

*Summary:*

*Subcommittee*

*Amendments:*

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 15, 2020) Decrease State Revenue \$1,785,600/FY20-21/Handgun Permit Division \$3,571,200/Each Year FY21-22 through FY27-28/Handgun Permit Division \$5,875,500/FY28-29/Handgun Permit Division \$8,179,800/FY29-30 and Subsequent Years/Handgun Permit Division Increase State Expenditures \$200,000/FY20-21/Handgun Permit Division Decrease State Expenditures \$78,000/FY28-29/Handgun Permit Division \$155,900/FY29-30 and Subsequent Years/Handgun Permit Division Decrease Local Revenue \$27,700/FY28-29 \$55,300/FY29-30 and Subsequent Years Decrease Local Expenditures \$13,800/FY28-29 \$27,500/FY29-30 and Subsequent Years

*Intro Dates:* S: 01/30/20, H: 01/30/20

*Senate Status:* 02/03/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/20/20 - Set for House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee 02/25/20.

*Executive*

*Status:*

*Committees:* Senate Judiciary Committee

House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee

*Public Chapter:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to handgun carry permits.

*AG Opinion:*

Last Action 02/20/20

Date:

Cosponsors:

Effective Date:

Position: Amend

Priority:

Comment: This legislation opens a section of the code which addresses the newly renamed enhanced permits. It makes all such permits issued after 1/1/21 "lifetime". TFA believes that this bill could be used, if amended, to make all currently existing and future "enhanced" permits lifetime permits. It should also be amended to make clear that a TN handgun permit does not expire or terminate if the person moves out of state.

### SB2066/HB2590 **CRIMINAL LAW: Allows elected officials and county attorneys to carry handguns in buildings with judicial proceedings.**



Sen. Lundberg, Jon

Rep. Littleton, Mary

Summary: Allows an elected official of any county or municipality or county attorney with a valid handgun carry permit, in the actual discharge of official duties, to carry inside a building in which judicial proceedings are in progress, but not in the room in which judicial proceedings are in progress. Broadly captioned.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 3, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Intro Dates: S: 02/03/20, H: 02/06/20

Senate Status: 02/18/20 - Senate Judiciary Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

House Status: 02/20/20 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 02/26/20.

Executive

Status:

Committees: Senate Calendar Committee

House Judiciary Committee

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to carrying weapons by certain persons.

AG Opinion:

Last Action 02/20/20

Date:

Cosponsors:

Effective Date:

Position: Oppose

Priority:

Comment: This is another category of bill that creates special rules/procedures for some civilians but not others. It therefore unduly complicates and confuses the law. TFA opposes this legislation on that basis and instead urges the sponsors to repeal the provisions of state law which prohibit citizens, any citizens, from carrying in any public building (TFA would not oppose a restriction on carrying in a room in which court proceedings are currently in progress IF the law required the government to provide secure storage for firearms for those involved in the court proceedings)

### SB2082/HB2113 **PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Handgun carry permits as a valid form of government-issued photo ID.**



Sen. Haile, Ferrell

Rep. Grills, Rusty

Summary: Requires the acceptance of an enhanced handgun carry permit or a concealed handgun carry permit as valid government-issued photo identification in the same manner as a driver license is accepted for purposes of access to goods, facilities, and services.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 10, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Intro Dates: S: 02/06/20, H: 02/03/20

Senate Status: 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/20/20 - Set for House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee 02/25/20.

Executive

Status:

Committees: Senate Judiciary Committee

House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17 and Title 55, Chapter 50, relative to handgun carry permits.

AG Opinion:

Last Action 02/20/20

Date:

*Cosponsors:* Rep. Griffey, Bruce; Rep. White, Mark;  
*Effective Date:*  
*Position:* Support  
*Priority:*  
*Comment:*

**SB2191/HB2258 CRIMINAL LAW: Punishment for theft of a firearm worth less than \$2,500.**

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Sen. Johnson, Jack  
Rep. Lamberth, William

*Summary:* Specifies that theft of property is a Class E felony if the property obtained is a firearm worth less than \$2,500. Part of Administration Package.

*Amendment*

*Summary:*

*Subcommittee*

*Amendments:*

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 19, 2020) Increase State Expenditures \$8,415,800 Incarceration\* Decrease Local Expenditures \$576,000/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

*Senate Status:* 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/20/20 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 02/25/20.

*Executive*

*Status:*

*Committees:* Senate Judiciary Committee  
House Criminal Justice Subcommittee

*Public Chapter:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-105, relative to theft of a firearm.

*AG Opinion:*

*Last Action* 02/20/20

*Date:*

*Cosponsors:* Rep. Gant, Ron; Rep. Griffey, Bruce; Rep. Hulsey, Bud; Rep. Sherrell, Paul;

*Effective Date:*

*Position:* Oppose

*Priority:*

*Comment:* Tennessee already has a spectrum of criminal charges based on the market value of the items stolen or destroyed. This law proposes to complicate and confuse that criminal standard by increasing penalties based on considerations other than the value of the stolen item(s).

**SB2192/HB2259 CRIMINAL LAW: Requires monthly reporting of certain juvenile justice information to the administrative office of the courts.**

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Sen. Johnson, Jack  
Rep. Lamberth, William

*Summary:* Includes a probation violation as part of a delinquent case that resulted in a child being placed on probation. Requires each juvenile court clerk report to the administrative office of the courts each new delinquent case a child is charged including information concerning the child's, case, and information pertaining to services received under the Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2018. Requires information collected by the administrative office of the courts be kept confidential. Part of Administration Package. Broadly captioned.

*Amendment*

*Summary:*

*Subcommittee*

*Amendments:*

*Fiscal Note:*

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

*Senate Status:* 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/20/20 - Set for House Children & Families Subcommittee 02/26/20.

*Executive*

*Status:*

*Committees:* Senate Judiciary Committee  
House Children & Families Subcommittee

*Public Chapter:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 1, relative to juvenile justice information.

*AG Opinion:*

*Last Action* 02/20/20

*Date:*

*Cosponsors:* Sen. Jackson, Ed;

*Effective Date:*

*Position:*

*Priority:*

*Comment:*

**SB2240/HB2347 CRIMINAL LAW: Persons prohibited from purchasing or possessing under the laws of another state.**

Sen. Kyle, Sara  
Rep. Clemmons, John

**Summary:** Clarifies that it is an offense for a person to purchase or possess a firearm in this state if the person has been prohibited from purchasing or possessing under the laws of another state and not just Tennessee law or federal law.

**Amendment**

**Summary:**

**Subcommittee**

**Amendments:**

**Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 18, 2020) Increase Local Expenditures - \$8,600/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years\*

**Intro Dates:** S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

**Senate Status:** 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

**House Status:** 02/20/20 - Set for House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee 02/25/20.

**Executive**

**Status:**

**Committees:** Senate Judiciary Committee  
House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee

**Public Chapter:**

**Caption:** AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to firearms.

**AG Opinion:**

**Last Action** 02/20/20

**Date:**

**Cosponsors:**

**Effective Date:**

**Position:** Oppose

**Priority:**

**Comment:** Federal law broadly defines the elements that prohibit a person from purchasing or possessing firearms. Tennessee adopts those standards - even if it should not. However, other states have even more stringent requirements and this law could indirectly Tennessee to be the lowest common denominator of all states when it comes to infringing 2nd Amendment rights.

**SB2262/HB1975 EDUCATION: Automatic revocation of the license of a licensed teacher or administrator.**

Sen. Gresham, Dolores  
Rep. Moody, Debra

**Summary:** Adds offenses to the list of offenses for which, upon conviction, the state board of education shall automatically revoke a teacher's or administrator's license, including arson or aggravated arson, proving a handgun to juveniles, and child abuse, child neglect or child endangerment.

**Amendment**  
**Summary:** House Education K-12 Subcommittee amendment 1 (014746) deletes and replaces language to the original bill to require that due process rights of licensed teachers or administrators be exhausted or waived before licensure can be revoked for certain criminal offenses.

**Subcommittee** K-12\_Sub\_2.18.2020.pdf

**Amendments:**

**Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 7, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

**Intro Dates:** S: 02/06/20, H: 01/29/20

**Senate Status:** 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

**House Status:** 02/20/20 - Set for House Education Committee 02/26/20.

**Executive**

**Status:**

**Committees:** Senate Education Committee  
House Education Committee

**Public Chapter:**

**Caption:** AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-417, relative to automatic revocation of the license of a licensed teacher or administrator.

**AG Opinion:**

**Last Action** 02/20/20

**Date:**

**Cosponsors:** Rep. Cepicky, Scott; Rep. Deberry Jr., John; Sen. Dickerson, Steven; Rep. Dixie, Vincent; Rep. Dunn, Bill; Sen. Haile, Ferrell; Rep. Haston, Kirk; Sen. Hensley, Joey; Rep. Hurt, Chris; Rep. Leatherwood, Tom; Sen. Lundberg, Jon; Rep. Ragan, John; Rep. Rudder, Iris; Rep. Sexton, Jerry; Rep. White, Mark;

**Effective Date:**

**Position:**

**Priority:**

**Comment:**

**SB2265/HB1713 CRIMINAL LAW: Limitations on leaving handguns in unattended motor vehicles or boats.**

Sen. Kyle, Sara  
Rep. Hardaway, G.A.

*Summary:* Prohibits a person from leaving a handgun in a motor vehicle or boat that is unattended or contains only persons under the age of eighteen, if the firearm is not kept from ordinary observation and is not secured. First violation is punishable by civil penalty of fifty dollars, and second violation is punishable by a civil penalty of one hundred dollars. Authorizes the court to require the person to take a handgun safety course that is approved by the department of safety and to waive the civil penalty.

*Amendment*

*Summary:*

*Subcommittee*

*Amendments:*

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 18, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 01/22/20

*Senate Status:* 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/18/20 - Taken off notice in House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee.

*Executive*

*Status:*

*Committees:* Senate Judiciary Committee

House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee

*Public Chapter:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to handguns.

*AG Opinion:*

*Last Action* 02/18/20

*Date:*

*Cosponsors:* Rep. Clemmons, John; Rep. White, Mark;

*Effective Date:*

*Position:* Oppose

*Priority:*

*Comment:*

**SB2276/HB2621 CRIMINAL LAW: Crime of violence definition.**



Sen. Stevens, John

Rep. Curcio, Michael

*Summary:* Changes language in the definition of a crime of violence from "especially aggravated rape of a child" to "aggravated rape of a child." Broadly captioned.

*Amendment*

*Summary:*

*Subcommittee*

*Amendments:*

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 9, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20

*Senate Status:* 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/19/20 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

*Executive*

*Status:*

*Committees:* Senate Judiciary Committee

House Criminal Justice Subcommittee

*Public Chapter:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 16; Title 33; Title 36; Title 37; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40; Title 49 and Title 70, relative to firearms.

*AG Opinion:*

*Last Action* 02/19/20

*Date:*

*Cosponsors:*

*Effective Date:*

*Position:*

*Priority:*

*Comment:*

**SB2280/HB2632 CRIMINAL LAW: Fee for concealed handgun carry permit renewal.**



Sen. Stevens, John

Rep. Holt, Andy

*Summary:* Requires an applicant for a concealed handgun carry permit renewal to pay a \$50 renewal fee.

*Amendment*

*Summary:*

*Subcommittee*

*Amendments:*

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 14, 2020) Increase State Revenue \$782,600/FY27-28 and Subsequent Years/Handgun Permit Division

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20

*Senate Status:* 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/20/20 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 02/26/20.



Executive

Status:

Committees: Senate Judiciary Committee  
House Judiciary Committee

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to handgun carry permit renewals.

AG Opinion:

Last Action 02/20/20

Date:

Cosponsors:

Effective Date:

Position: Oppose

Priority:

Comment: This bill is to correct another serious problem with the 2019 "concealed only" permit where the bill sponsors in 2019 (and those who rushed to support it) completely omitted to include renewal language. The "concealed only" permit should be repealed. If anything, reduce the costs and training requirements of the "enhanced permits" or, better yet, pass constitutional carry in Tennessee!

**SB2300/HB2494 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Persons who assist persons who qualify for a license to hunt or fish at no charge or a discount based on having a disability.**

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Sen. Jackson, Ed

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Rep. VanHuss, James

Summary: States that a sportsman's license is not required in order to assist a person with a disability fish or hunt if they meet certain requirements. Allows a person with a disability to designate one person each calendar year.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 14, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Intro Dates: S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20

Senate Status: 02/19/20 - Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

House Status: 02/20/20 - Set for House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee 02/25/20.

Executive

Status:

Committees: Senate Calendar Committee  
House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70, relative to persons who assist persons who qualify for a license to hunt or fish at no charge or a discount based on having a disability.

AG Opinion:

Last Action 02/20/20

Date:

Cosponsors:

Effective Date:

Position: Amend

Priority:

Comment: Amend so that a disabled hunter can have an assistant without designation. This would allow a disabled hunter to have more than one annual assistant.

**SB2438/HB2430 TAXES SALES: Exemption - gun safes and gun safety devices.**

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Sen. Kyle, Sara

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Rep. Mitchell, Bo

Summary: Exempts from sales tax purchases of gun safes and gun safety devices.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 11, 2020) Decrease State Revenue Net Impact \$321,300/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years Decrease Local Revenue Net Impact \$131,100/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years

Intro Dates: S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

Senate Status: 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee.

House Status: 02/20/20 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 02/26/20.

Executive

Status:

Committees: Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee  
House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 6, relative to taxation of gun safes and gun safety devices.

AG Opinion:



*Last Action* 02/20/20  
*Date:*  
*Cosponsors:* Rep. Clemmons, John;  
*Effective Date:*  
*Position:* Support  
*Priority:*  
*Comment:*

**SB2527/HB2660 CRIMINAL LAW: Use of justifiable force in civil action cases.**

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*Summary:* Protects defendants using or threatening to use force against any civil actions based on use of justifiable force unless the plaintiff is a law enforcement officer. Requires criminal investigations halt any civil actions against the defendant until the investigation concludes. Requires immunity hearings for civil actions made against a defendant be expedited and requires the court issue a decision within 40 days of the hearing. Broadly captioned.

*Amendment*

*Summary:*

*Subcommittee*

*Amendments:*

*Fiscal Note:*

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/06/20

*Senate Status:* 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/20/20 - Set for House Civil Justice Subcommittee 02/25/20.

*Executive*

*Status:*

*Committees:* Senate Judiciary Committee  
House Civil Justice Subcommittee

*Public Chapter:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, relative to justification of force.

*AG Opinion:*

*Last Action* 02/20/20

*Date:*

*Cosponsors:* Rep. Byrd, David; Rep. Carter, Mike; Rep. Crawford, John; Rep. Doggett, Clay; Rep. Eldridge, Rick; Rep. Farmer, Andrew; Rep. Griffey, Bruce; Rep. Grills, Rusty; Rep. Holt, Andy; Rep. Hulse, Bud; Rep. Lamberth, William; Rep. Leatherwood, Tom; Rep. Littleton, Mary; Rep. Moody, Debra; Rep. Ragan, John; Rep. Reedy, Jay; Rep. Rudder, Iris; Rep. VanHuss, James; Rep. White, Mark; Rep. Wright, Dave;

*Effective Date:*

*Position:* Support

*Priority:*

*Comment:*

**SB2533/HB2414 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Hunting and fishing - exemptions from licensure for persons who are related to owners of farmlands.**

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*Summary:* Extends the exemption from licensure to hunt and fish on farmlands owned by a spouse, parent, or grandparent, to include spouses of children of landowners.

*Amendment*

*Summary:*

*Subcommittee*

*Amendments:*

*Fiscal Note:*

*Intro Dates:* S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

*Senate Status:* 02/19/20 - Set for Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee 02/26/20.

*House Status:* 02/20/20 - Set for House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee 02/25/20.

*Executive*

*Status:*

*Committees:* Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee  
House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

*Public Chapter:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70, relative to exemptions from licensure for persons who are related to owners of farmlands.

*AG Opinion:*

*Last Action* 02/20/20

*Date:*

*Cosponsors:* Rep. Griffey, Bruce;

*Effective Date:*

*Position:* Amend

Priority:

Comment: If the land is being hunted by owners or family members (of any degree) no hunting or fishing license should be required.

**SB2554/HB2450 CRIMINAL LAW: Offense of aggravated assault involving the use of a deadly weapon.**

●●○○○○○○○○○○ Sen. Jackson, Ed  
●●○○○○○○○○○○ Rep. Coley, Jim

Summary: Requires that a person convicted of the offense of aggravated assault involving the use of a deadly weapon to be punished one classification higher than otherwise provided if the violation was committed by discharging a firearm from within a motor vehicle.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Intro Dates: S: 02/06/20, H: 02/05/20

Senate Status: 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/20/20 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 02/25/20.

Executive

Status:

Committees: Senate Judiciary Committee  
House Criminal Justice Subcommittee

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13, relative to aggravated assault.

AG Opinion:

Last Action 02/20/20

Date:

Cosponsors: Rep. Camper, Karen; Rep. Parkinson, Antonio; Rep. Vaughan, Kevin; Rep. White, Mark;

Effective Date:

Position: Oppose

Priority:

Comment: It should not matter if the firearm is discharged from within a motor vehicle, "on" a motor vehicle, on a bicycle, on a scooter, on a jetski, in a plane, on a horse or elsewhere. The vantage point of the shooter is immaterial - or should be to whether an assault has occurred.

**SB2556/HB2108 CRIMINAL LAW: Allows law enforcement officers to carry handguns in posted areas.**

●●○○○○○○○○○○ Sen. Jackson, Ed  
●●○○○○○○○○○○ Rep. White, Mark

Summary: Allows law enforcement officers to carry handguns in posted areas under certain circumstances even when the owner or entity prohibits and restricts the possession of weapons. Broadly captioned.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 1, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Intro Dates: S: 02/06/20, H: 02/03/20

Senate Status: 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 02/20/20 - Set for House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee 02/25/20.

Executive

Status:

Committees: Senate Judiciary Committee  
House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, relative to firearms.

AG Opinion:

Last Action 02/20/20

Date:

Cosponsors: Rep. Daniel, Martin; Rep. Eldridge, Rick; Rep. Leatherwood, Tom; Rep. Moon, Jerome; Rep. Russell, Lowell; Rep. VanHuss, James; Rep. Vaughan, Kevin;

Effective Date:

Position: Oppose

Priority:


Comment: The bill's inclusion of those carrying pursuant to TCA 39-17-1350 continues the poorly policy concept of creating different classes of civilians who are "off duty" based on their status or employment. Any legislation which differentiates between classes of citizens in the self-defense issue based on what the person did prior to retirement, whether the person served any government role, or whether the person when "on duty" is in some category of law enforcement is a law which denies other citizens the equal right under the law to protect their lives in those same locations.

**SB2716/HB2174 TAXES BUSINESS: Exempts charitable organizations from taxes on tangible property sales.**


●●○○○○○○○○○○ Sen. Reeves, Shane  
●●○○○○○○○○○○ Rep. Todd, Chris

*Summary:* Exempts tangible personal property from the sales and use tax when sold by a charitable organization for fundraising purposes.  
*Amendment*  
*Summary:*  
*Subcommittee*  
*Amendments:*  
*Fiscal Note:*  
*Intro Dates:* H: 02/05/20  
*Senate Status:* 02/19/20 - Set for Senate Finance Revenue Subcommittee 02/25/20.  
*House Status:* 02/10/20 - Referred to House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee.  
*Executive*  
*Status:*  
*Committees:* Senate Finance Revenue Subcommittee  
House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee  
*Public Chapter:*  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 6, Part 3, relative to charitable organizations.  
*AG Opinion:*  
*Last Action* 02/19/20  
*Date:*  
*Cosponsors:* Rep. Griffey, Bruce; Rep. Grills, Rusty; Rep. Littleton, Mary; Rep. VanHuss, James; Rep. White, Mark; Sen. White, Dawn;  
*Effective Date:*  
*Position:* Support  
*Priority:*  
*Comment:*

**SB2737/HB2333 CRIMINAL LAW: Waives lifetime handgun carry permit fees for certain retired law enforcement officers.**

 Sen. Bell, Mike  
Rep. Howell, Dan  
*Summary:* Requires the lifetime handgun carry permit fees be waived for retired law enforcement officers who served for at least 10 years, rather than former law enforcement officers who served for at least 10 years.  
*Amendment*  
*Summary:*  
*Subcommittee*  
*Amendments:*  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 13, 2020) Increase State Revenue Exceeds \$15,700/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years/Handgun Permit Division  
*Intro Dates:* H: 02/05/20  
*Senate Status:* 02/19/20 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 02/25/20.  
*House Status:* 02/10/20 - Referred to House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee.  
*Executive*  
*Status:*  
*Committees:* Senate Judiciary Committee  
House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee  
*Public Chapter:*  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351, relative to handgun carry permits.  
*AG Opinion:*  
*Last Action* 02/19/20  
*Date:*  
*Cosponsors:* Rep. Griffey, Bruce; Rep. VanHuss, James; Sen. White, Dawn;  
*Effective Date:*  
*Position:* Oppose  
*Priority:*  
*Comment:*

**SB2801/HB2424 CRIMINAL LAW: Prohibits the sale of firearms to persons who are listed on the federal terrorist watchlist.**

 Sen. Akbari, Raumesh  
Rep. Beck, Bill  
*Summary:* Prohibits the sale of firearms to persons who are listed on the federal terrorist watchlist.  
*Amendment*  
*Summary:*  
*Subcommittee*  
*Amendments:*  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 10, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Intro Dates:* H: 02/05/20  
*Senate Status:* 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/20/20 - Set for House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee 02/25/20.  
*Executive*  
*Status:*

*Committees:* Senate Judiciary Committee  
House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee

*Public Chapter:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1316, relative to the sale of firearms.

*AG Opinion:*

*Last Action* 02/20/20

*Date:*

*Cosponsors:*

*Effective Date:*

*Position:*

*Priority:*

*Comment:*

**SB2811/HB2530 CRIMINAL LAW: Expunction related to person's status as a victim of human trafficking.**

●●○○○○○○○○○○ Sen. Akbari, Raumesh  
●●○○○○○○○○○○ Rep. Shaw, Johnny

*Summary:* Adds that a person filing a petition for expunction of records involving offenses related to the person's status as a victim of human trafficking must not have been convicted of any criminal offense during the one year preceding the petition including any federal offenses or offenses in any other state.

*Amendment*

*Summary:*

*Subcommittee*

*Amendments:*

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 10, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:* H: 02/06/20

*Senate Status:* 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/20/20 - Set for House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee 02/25/20.

*Executive*

*Status:*

*Committees:* Senate Judiciary Committee  
House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee

*Public Chapter:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 32, relative to expunction for certain offenses.

*AG Opinion:*

*Last Action* 02/20/20

*Date:*

*Cosponsors:*

*Effective Date:*

*Position:*

*Priority:*

*Comment:*

**SB2893/HB2666 CRIMINAL LAW: Carrying of firearms by retired law enforcement.**

●●○○○○○○○○○○ Sen. Bailey, Paul  
●●○○○○○○○○○○ Rep. Williams, Ryan

*Summary:* Removes a provision regarding how the Tennessee POST commission determines if a retired law enforcement officer is eligible to carry a firearm under federal law. Broadly captioned.

*Amendment*

*Summary:*

*Subcommittee*

*Amendments:*

*Fiscal Note:*

*Intro Dates:* H: 02/06/20

*Senate Status:* 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*House Status:* 02/20/20 - Set for House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee 02/25/20.

*Executive*

*Status:*

*Committees:* Senate Judiciary Committee  
House Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcommittee

*Public Chapter:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 8 and Title 39, Chapter 17, relative to retired law enforcement.

*AG Opinion:*

*Last Action* 02/20/20

*Date:*

*Cosponsors:*

*Effective Date:*

*Position:*

*Priority:*

Comment:

**HJR748 MISCELLANEOUS: Reaffirms that Tennessee is a sanctuary for the right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms.**

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Rep. VanHuss, James

Summary:

Recognizes that the primary purpose of the Second Amendment is to protect our freedoms. To do so, citizens must be able to keep and bear arms that are at least equal to those of their government's basic infantry unit. In the year 2020, we recognize that those include semi-automatic AR-15s, AK-47s, and similar firearms.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 11, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Intro Dates: H: 02/05/20

Senate Status:

House Status: 02/20/20 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 02/26/20.

Executive

Status:

Committees: House Judiciary Committee

Public Chapter:

Caption:

AG Opinion:

Last Action 02/20/20

Date:

Cosponsors: Rep. Bricken, Rush; Rep. Byrd, David; Rep. Calfee, Kent; Rep. Carr, Dale; Rep. Carter, Mike; Rep. Crawford, John; Rep. Doggett, Clay; Rep. Eldridge, Rick; Rep. Griffey, Bruce; Rep. Halford, Curtis; Rep. Hall, Mark; Rep. Hill, Timothy; Rep. Holt, Andy; Rep. Keisling, Kelly; Rep. Lamberth, William; Rep. Powers, Dennis; Rep. Ragan, John; Rep. Rudd, Tim ; Rep. Rudder, Iris; Rep. Sexton, Jerry; Rep. Todd, Chris;

Effective Date:

Position:

Priority:

Comment: