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### SB35/HB135 **CRIMINAL LAW: Offense of reckless endangerment by discharging a firearm into a parade or religious service.**

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Sen. Gilmore, Brenda  
Rep. Love Jr., Harold

**Summary:** 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:** Senate Judiciary Committee amendment 1, House Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (004918) declares exemption to the crime of reckless endangerment by discharging a firearm if done by a member of a law enforcement agency or any branch of the military acting in the course of a person's official duties, involves the firing of non-live ammunition as part of a funeral, or occurs in a location where participants have assumed the risk of the activity involving the discharge of a firearm, including group hunting activities. House Finance Subcommittee amendment 1 (015837) changes effective date to July 1, 2020.

**Subcommittee:** Criminal\_Justice\_Subcommittee\_03.27.19.pdf

**Amendments:** budget\_sub\_amendment\_06.03.2020.pdf

**Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 19, 2019) Increase State Expenditures \$376,900 Incarceration\*

**Intro Dates:** S: 01/18/19, H: 01/28/19

**Senate Status:** 05/01/19 - Taken off notice in Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee.

**House Status:** 06/11/20 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee Calendar 2 06/15/20.

**Committees:** Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee

House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee Calendar 2

**Public Chapter:**

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

**AG Opinion:**

**Last Action Date:** 06/11/20

**Cosponsors:** Sen. Robinson, Katrina;

**Effective Date:**

**Position:** Oppose

**Priority:**

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

### SB742/HB1417 **CRIMINAL LAW: Increases the penalty for aggravated assault and reckless endangerment.**

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Sen. Kyle, Sara  
Rep. Towns Jr., Joe

**Summary:** Increases penalty for aggravated assault and reckless endangerment committed from within a motor vehicle. Requires the court revoke a defendant's license for up to one year following any period of confinement. Requires that a motor vehicle used in a second or subsequent offense be seized and forfeited.

**Amendment**

**Summary:**

**Subcommittee**

**Amendments:**

**Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 5, 2019) Increase State Expenditures \$187,600 Incarceration\*

**Intro Dates:** S: 02/06/19, H: 02/07/19

**Senate Status:** 06/09/20 - Senate Judiciary Committee deferred to 12/01/20.

**House Status:** 05/27/20 - Taken off notice in House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**Committees:** Senate Judiciary Committee

House Criminal Justice Subcommittee

**Public Chapter:**

**Caption:** AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13 and Title 40, relative to criminal offenses.

**AG Opinion:**

**Last Action Date:** 06/09/20

**Cosponsors:**

**Effective Date:**

**Position:**

**Priority:**

**Comment:**

### SB1315/HB1478 **CRIMINAL LAW: Reckless endangerment.**

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

**Summary:** Revises definition of reckless endangerment to include use of a motor vehicle to harass, injure, or obstruct another person. Establishes penalties for reckless endangerment committed by discharging a firearm into a group of two or more people from a vehicle, or into a vehicle as a fine between \$5,000 and \$10,000 and a five-year revocation of a driver's license following release. Permits petition for a restricted driver's license for people whose license has been revoked under these terms. Clarifies that each person endangered by a reckless endangerment violation constitutes as a separate offense. Requires defendants convicted of reckless endangerment with a deadly weapon to attend anger management class. Establishes the crime of community terrorism as a gang-related offense committed against a population by members of a criminal gang and enhances punishment for crimes falling under this designation.

**Amendment Summary:** House Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (014391), which deletes and rewrites the bill such that the substantive changes are to: (1) remove mandatory fines associated with certain reckless endangerment offenses; (2) revise the process for issuance of a driver license for individuals convicted of such offenses; (3) specify that the offense of reckless endangerment may be committed individually or in concert with another person; and (4) change the effective date to July 1, 2020.

**Subcommittee:** Criminal\_Justice\_Subcommittee\_02.04.20.pdf

**Amendments:**

**Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 11, 2019) Increase State Expenditures \$68,700 Incarceration\*

**Intro Dates:** S: 02/07/19, H: 02/07/19

Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.  
House Status: 06/11/20 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee Calendar 2 06/15/20.  
Committees: Senate Judiciary Committee  
House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee Calendar 2

Public Chapter:  
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13 and Title 40, Chapter 35, relative to reckless endangerment.  
AG Opinion:  
Last Action Date: 06/11/20  
Cosponsors: Rep. Chism, Jesse; Rep. Deberry Jr., John; Rep. Staples, Rick; Rep. White, Mark;  
Effective Date:  
Position:  
Priority:  
Comment:

**SB1566/HB1553 CRIMINAL LAW: Unlawful possession of a firearm.**



Sen. Hensley, Joey  
Rep. Griffey, Bruce

Summary: Creates exceptions to the offense of open or concealed carrying of a firearm with the intent to go armed for any person legally in possession and not prohibited from possessing a firearm. Broadly captioned.

Amendment

Summary:  
Subcommittee  
Amendments:  
Fiscal Note:

(Dated January 21, 2020) Decrease State Revenue Exceeds \$1,227,100/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years/ Handgun Permit Division Exceeds \$422,100/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years/ Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Foregone State Revenue Exceeds \$108,700/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years/ Handgun Permit Division Decrease State Expenditures Exceeds \$54,900/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years/ Handgun Permit Division Exceeds \$182,000/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years/ Tennessee Bureau of Investigation State Expenditures Cost Avoidance Exceeds \$3,300/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years/ Handgun Permit Division Exceeds \$14,500/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years/ Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Decrease Local Revenue Exceeds \$137,200/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years

Intro Dates:

S: 01/14/20, H: 01/14/20

Senate Status:

01/16/20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status:

06/11/20 - House Judiciary Committee recommended with amendment 1 (017920), which changes the effective date. Sent to House Finance.

Committees:

Senate Judiciary Committee  
House Finance, Ways & Means Committee

Public Chapter:

Caption:

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10; Title 33; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40; Title 50 and Title 70, relative to the carrying of firearms.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date:

06/11/20

Cosponsors:

Rep. Hill, Timothy; Rep. Keisling, Kelly; Rep. VanHuss, James; Rep. Weaver, Terri;

Effective Date:

Position:

Support

Priority:

1 - Top-tier

Comment:

This is a bill to establish constitutional carry in Tennessee. It does this by creating a provision which provides that anyone who legally possess a firearm can carry it open or concealed without the necessity of a state issued permit.

**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:

Constitutional\_Protections\_and\_Sentencing\_Subcommittee\_03.10.20.pdf

Fiscal Note:

(Dated January 21, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Intro Dates:

S: 01/22/20, H: 02/05/20

Senate Status:

06/09/20 - Senate Judiciary Committee deferred to 12/01/20.

House Status:

06/11/20 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget.

Committees:

Senate Judiciary Committee

Public Chapter:

Caption:

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

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date:

06/11/20

Cosponsors:

Rep. Clemmons, John; Rep. Mitchell, Bo;

Effective Date:

Position:

Oppose

Priority:

Comment:

Typical urban Democrat gun control legislation.

**SB1807/HB1873 CRIMINAL LAW: Allows temporary removal of guns from at-risk owners.**



Sen. Kyle, Sara  
Rep. Johnson, Gloria

Summary: Allows any family member, household member, intimate partner, or law enforcement officer who reasonably believes a person is at risk of harming others if in possession of a firearm to file an emergency order of protection against that person. Upon filing the petition, the courts can immediately issue an ex parte emergency protection order, which will prohibit the person from purchasing or owning a firearm during the time of the protective order. Requires a hearing to be held within 30 days of order's issuance at which time the court may dissolve or extend the protective order for up to one year. Creates a Class A misdemeanor for a violation of an emergency order of protection. Establishes other requirements for an emergency protection order. Broadly captioned.

Amendment

Summary:  
Subcommittee  
Amendments:

(Dated January 29, 2020) Increase Local Expenditures - \$1,900/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years\*

Fiscal Note:

S: 01/23/20, H: 01/27/20

Intro Dates:

06/09/20 - Senate Judiciary Committee deferred to 12/01/20.

Senate Status:

05/27/20 - Taken off notice in House Children & Families Subcommittee.

House Status:

Senate Judiciary Committee

Committees:

House Children & Families Subcommittee

*Public Chapter:*  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36 and Title 39, relative to emergency protection orders.  
*AG Opinion:*  
*Last Action Date:* 06/09/20  
*Cosponsors:* Rep. Clemmons, John;  
*Effective Date:*  
*Position:* Oppose  
*Priority:* 1 - Top-tier  
*Comment:* Extreme Risk Protection Order // Red Flag Law

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

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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:* House Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (014980) deletes and replaces all language after the enacting clause. Increases the number of name-based criminal history background checks run on handgun permit holders from every five years to every four years. Broadens the ability of a permit holder to prove a delivered renewal permit application by deleting the requirement that the permit holder provide a receipt of the renewal application fee.

*Subcommittee Amendments:* Constitutional\_Protections\_and\_Sentencing\_Subcommittee\_02.25.20.pdf

*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:* 06/11/20 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee Calendar 2 06/15/20.

*Committees:* Senate Judiciary Committee  
 House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee Calendar 2

*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 Date:* 06/11/20

*Cosponsors:* Rep. Bricken, Rush; Rep. Curcio, Michael; Rep. Doggett, Clay; Rep. Gant, Ron; Rep. Garrett, Johnny ; Rep. Grills, Rusty; Rep. Ogles, Brandon; Rep. Sexton, Cameron; Rep. Todd, Chris; Rep. Williams, Ryan; Rep. Zachary, Jason;

*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.

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

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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:* 03/16/20 - Re-referred to Senate Calendar Committee.

*House Status:* 06/11/20 - Set for House Floor on 06/15/20.

*Committees:* Senate Calendar Committee  
 House Floor

*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 Date:* 06/11/20

*Cosponsors:* Rep. Cepicky, Scott; Rep. Doggett, Clay; Rep. Eldridge, Rick; Rep. Griffey, Bruce; Rep. Hall, Mark; Rep. Hill, Timothy; Rep. Hill, Matthew; Rep. Kumar, Sabi; Rep. Leatherwood, Tom; Rep. Moody, Debra; Rep. Ogles, Brandon; Sen. Reeves, Shane; Rep. Sexton, Jerry; Rep. VanHuss, James; Rep. White, Mark; Sen. White, Dawn;

*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:* 03/10/20 - Senate Judiciary Committee deferred to the last calendar.

*House Status:* 06/11/20 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee Calendar 2 06/15/20.

Committees: Senate Judiciary Committee  
House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee Calendar 2

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

AG Opinion:  
Last Action Date: 06/11/20  
Cosponsors: Rep. Beck, Bill; Sen. Bell, Mike; Rep. Curcio, Michael; Rep. Doggett, Clay; Rep. Eldridge, Rick; Rep. Gant, Ron; Rep. Griffey, Bruce; Rep. Hardaway, G.A.; Rep. Hulsey, Bud; Rep. Johnson, Curtis; Rep. Littleton, Mary; Rep. Moody, Debra; Rep. Ogles, Brandon; Rep. Sherrell, Paul; Rep. VanHuss, James; Rep. Weaver, Terri; Rep. Williams, Ryan;

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).

**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: 06/11/20 - Set for House Consent on 06/15/20.

Committees: Senate Judiciary Committee  
House Consent

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 Date: 06/11/20

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: 03/12/20 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/17/20.

House Status: 06/11/20 - House Finance, Ways & Means Committee deferred to 06/15/20.

Committees: Senate Judiciary Committee  
House Finance, Ways & Means 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 Date: 06/11/20

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!

**SB2288/HB2102 CRIMINAL LAW: Allows students to carry concealed firearms on campus.**

Sen. Bowling, Janice  
Rep. Bricken, Rush

Summary: Allows a student at a public institution of higher education to carry a concealed firearm on property owned, operated or controlled by the institution.

Amendment House Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (017913) deletes and replaces all language after the enacting clause such that the only substantive change is to extend the effective date from July 1, 2020 to October 1, 2020.

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 21, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

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

Senate Status: 06/03/20 - Senate Education Committee deferred to 12/01/20.

House Status: 06/09/20 - House Judiciary Committee recommended. Sent to House Education.

Committees: Senate Education Committee  
House Education Committee

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13 and Title 49, relative to carrying of firearms on higher education campuses.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 06/09/20

Cosponsors: Rep. Doggett, Clay; Rep. Eldridge, Rick; Rep. Griffey, Bruce; Rep. Hill, Matthew; Rep. Hill, Timothy; Rep. Sexton, Jerry; Rep. VanHuss, James;

Effective Date:

Position: Amend

Priority:  
Comment: Bill should be amended to allow any permit holder to carry a firearm on any school grounds.

**SB2292/HB2492 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Protection of Private Property and Sporting Rights Act**



Sen. Bowling, Janice  
Rep. VanHuss, James

Summary: Prohibits a wildlife resources officer from entering any privately owned property unless the officer has a valid search warrant, has written permission of the landowner or the lessee of the property, has observed an illegal act, is there to dispatch crippled or distressed wildlife, or is responding to a report of an emergency or another overt threat to public safety.

Amendment Summary: Senate amendment 1, House Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (015496) deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires that full-time wildlife resource officers charged with enforcing wildlife laws must have a search warrant to inspect the interior of an automobile.

Subcommittee Constitutional\_Protections\_and\_Sentencing\_Subcommittee\_05.27.20.pdf

Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 1, 2020) Decrease State Revenue - \$1,513,800/Wildlife Resources Fund

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

Senate Status: 03/12/20 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (015496).

House Status: 06/11/20 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget.

Committees:

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 20; Title 29; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40 and Title 70, relative to law enforcement activities by the Tennessee wildlife resources agency.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 06/11/20

Cosponsors: Sen. Powers, Bill; Sen. Stevens, John;

Effective Date:

Position: Support

Priority:

Comment:

**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.**



Sen. Jackson, Ed  
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: 02/24/20 - Senate passed.

House Status: 06/08/20 - House passed.

Committees:

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 Date: 06/08/20

Cosponsors: Rep. Freeman, Bob; Rep. Griffey, Bruce; Rep. Hill, Matthew; Rep. Powell, Jason; Sen. Rose, Paul;

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.

**SB2420/HB2771 CRIMINAL LAW: Exchange of firearms formerly titled to a law enforcement agency or a drug task force.**



Sen. Rose, Paul  
Rep. Moody, Debra

Summary: Requires that firearms previously titled to law enforcement can only be exchanged for other firearms, ammunition, or body armor, or equipment suitable for use for legitimate law enforcement purposes by the law enforcement agency.

Amendment Summary: House Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (017918) changes the effective date to October 1, 2020.

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 8, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

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

Senate Status: 06/09/20 - Senate Judiciary Committee deferred to 12/01/20.

House Status: 06/11/20 - House Calendar & Rules Committee deferred to last calendar.

Committees: Senate Judiciary Committee

House Calendar & Rules Committee

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to disposition of confiscated weapons.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 06/11/20

Cosponsors:

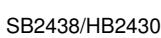
Effective Date:

Position:

Priority:

Comment:

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



Sen. Kyle, Sara  
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:

03/11/20 - Senate Finance Revenue Subcommittee returned to full committee with a negative recommendation.

House Status:

06/11/20 - Set for House Finance, Ways &amp; Means Subcommittee Calendar 2 06/15/20.

Committees:

Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee  
House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee Calendar 2

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 Date:

06/11/20

Cosponsors:

Rep. Clemmons, John;

Effective Date:

Position:

Support

Priority:

Comment:

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

Sen. Stevens, John

Rep. Todd, Chris

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:

House amendment 1 (015520) retains present law exceptions to immunity from civil liability for persons whose justifiable use of force causes harm to a law enforcement officer or the property or person of an innocent third party. This amendment makes several clarifying changes to reflect that this bill establishes a procedure by which a defendant may seek to establish immunity from civil liability, rather than immunity from a civil action being brought against the defendant, in instances where a lawsuit is filed against the defendant based on the same facts or set of events that resulted in the defendants justified use or threatened use of force. House amendment 2 (018011) changes effective date to October 1, 2020.

Subcommittee

Civil\_Justice\_Subcommittee\_03.10.20.pdf

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

(Dated February 22, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Intro Dates:

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

Senate Status:

06/09/20 - Senate Judiciary Committee deferred to 12/01/20.

House Status:

06/03/20 - House passed with amendment 1 (015520) and amendment 2 (018011). House amendment 1 (015520) retains present law exceptions to immunity from civil liability for persons whose justifiable use of force causes harm to a law enforcement officer or the property or person of an innocent third party. This amendment makes several clarifying changes to reflect that this bill establishes a procedure by which a defendant may seek to establish immunity from civil liability, rather than immunity from a civil action being brought against the defendant, in instances where a lawsuit is filed against the defendant based on the same facts or set of events that resulted in the defendants justified use or threatened use of force. House amendment 2 (018011) changes effective date to October 1, 2020.

Committees:

Senate Judiciary Committee

Public Chapter:

Caption:

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

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date:

06/09/20

Cosponsors:

Rep. Baum, Charlie; Rep. Bricken, Rush; Rep. Byrd, David; Rep. Carter, Mike; Rep. Crawford, John; Rep. Doggett, Clay; Rep. Eldridge, Rick; Rep. Faison, Jeremy; Rep. Farmer, Andrew; Rep. Griffey, Bruce; Rep. Grills, Rusty; Rep. Haston, Kirk; Rep. Helton, Esther; Rep. Holt, Andy; Rep. Hulsey, Bud; Rep. Hurt, Chris; Rep. Kumar, Sabi; Rep. Lamberth, William; Rep. Leatherwood, Tom; Rep. Littleton, Mary; Rep. Moody, Debra; Rep. Ragan, John; Rep. Reedy, Jay; Rep. Rudd, Tim ; Rep. Rudder, Iris; Rep. Russell, Lowell; Rep. Sherrell, Paul; Rep. Smith, Robin; Rep. VanHuss, James; Rep. Weaver, Terri; Rep. White, Mark; Rep. Williams, Ryan; 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.**

Sen. Southerland, Steve

Rep. Eldridge, Rick

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:

House amendment 1 (018095) changes the effective date from July 1, 2020 to October 1, 2020.

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

(Dated February 21, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Intro Dates:

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

Senate Status:

06/10/20 - Senate concurred in House amendment 1 (018095).

House Status:

06/09/20 - House passed with amendment 1 (018095), which changes the effective date from July 1, 2020 to October 1, 2020.

Committees:

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 Date:

06/10/20

Cosponsors:

Rep. Boyd, Clark; Rep. Byrd, David; Rep. Calfee, Kent; Rep. Cepicky, Scott; Rep. Cochran, Mark; Rep. Crawford, John; Sen. Crowe, Rusty; Rep. Curcio, Michael; Rep. Daniel, Martin; Rep. Doggett, Clay; Rep. Freeman, Bob; Rep. Griffey, Bruce; Rep. Hall, Mark; Rep. Hardaway, G.A.; Rep. Hazlewood, Patsy; Rep. Helton, Esther; Rep. Hicks, Gary; Rep. Hill, Matthew; Rep. Hill, Timothy; Rep. Hurt, Chris; Rep. Kumar, Sabi; Rep. Leatherwood, Tom; Rep. Littleton, Mary; Rep. Lynn, Susan; Rep. Moody, Debra; Rep. Moon, Jerome; Rep. Ogles, Brandon; Sen. Powers, Bill; Sen. Rose, Paul; Rep. Sexton, Jerry; Rep. Sherrell, Paul; Sen. Stevens, John; Rep. Tillis, Rick; Rep. VanHuss, James; Rep. White, Mark; Rep. Whitson, Sam ; Rep. Williams, Ryan;

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:** House Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (017784) changes the effective date from July 1, 2020 to October 1, 2020.

**Subcommittee Amendments:**

**Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 21, 2020) Increase State Expenditures \$213,400 Incarceration\*

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

**Senate Status:** 03/10/20 - Senate Judiciary Committee deferred to 03/24/20.

**House Status:** 06/11/20 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee Calendar 2 06/15/20.

**Committees:** Senate Judiciary Committee  
House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee Calendar 2

**Public Chapter:**

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

**AG Opinion:**

**Last Action Date:** 06/11/20

**Cosponsors:** Rep. Camper, Karen; Rep. Griffey, Bruce; 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.

### SB2614/HB2536 **CRIMINAL LAW: Sets punishments for second amendment infringement.**



Sen. Hensley, Joey  
Rep. Doggett, Clay

**Summary:** Allows individuals whose second amendment rights have been infringed upon to enact civil action. Requires persons or government entities violating an individual's second amendment right be liable for actual damages, statutory damages of \$500 per day of violation, punitive damages, or reasonable attorney's fees. Declares a government official who knowingly infringes upon an individual's second amendment rights can be removed from their position.

**Amendment Summary:**

**Subcommittee Amendments:** Constitutional\_Protections\_and\_Sentencing\_Subcommittee\_05.27.20.pdf

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

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

**Senate Status:** 06/09/20 - Senate Judiciary Committee deferred to 12/01/20.

**House Status:** 06/11/20 - House Calendar & Rules Committee deferred to last calendar.

**Committees:** Senate Judiciary Committee  
House Calendar & Rules Committee

**Public Chapter:**

**Caption:** AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 54 and Title 8, Chapter 47, relative to the Tennessee Firearms Freedom Act.

**AG Opinion:**

**Last Action Date:** 06/11/20

**Cosponsors:** Rep. Byrd, David; Rep. Eldridge, Rick; Rep. Griffey, Bruce; Rep. Hill, Timothy; Rep. Kumar, Sabi; Rep. Moody, Debra; Rep. Reedy, Jay; Rep. Sexton, Jerry; Rep. Todd, Chris; Rep. VanHuss, James;

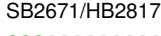
**Effective Date:**

**Position:** Support

**Priority:**

**Comment:**

### SB2671/HB2817 **CRIMINAL LAW: Reporting issuing and denying judges' decisions.**



Sen. Johnson, Jack  
Rep. Lamberth, William

**Summary:** Increases amount of time an issuing or denying judge is required to report to the attorney general and reporter the denial or an order approving an interception from 30 to 45 days after the expiration or extension of the order. Broadly captioned.

**Amendment Summary:** Senate Judiciary Committee amendment 1, House Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (015802) creates exceptions for the offense of open or concealed carrying of a firearm with the intent to go armed for any person legally in possession and not prohibited from carrying a firearm. Specifies that theft of a firearm worth less than \$2,500 is a Class E felony offense. Enhances the mandatory confinement period for theft of a firearm to 180 days. Creates an enhancement factor when an offense involved the theft of a firearm from a motor vehicle. Requires no release eligibility for certain offenses committed after July 1, 2020 unless 85 percent of an imposed sentence is served, less sentence credits. Prohibits a reduction of such sentences less than 70 percent of the sentence imposed.

**Subcommittee Amendments:** Constitutional\_Protections\_and\_Sentencing\_Subcommittee\_03.03.20.pdf

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

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

**Senate Status:** 03/12/20 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 03/17/20.

**House Status:** 06/11/20 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee Calendar 2 06/15/20.

**Committees:** Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee  
House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee Calendar 2

**Public Chapter:**

**Caption:** AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-7-504; Title 33; Title 36, Chapter 3, Part 6; Title 37; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40; Title 41; Title 49; Title 50; Title 55; Title 70 and Title 71, relative to criminal justice.

**AG Opinion:**

**Last Action Date:** 06/11/20

**Cosponsors:** Sen. Bell, Mike; Rep. Boyd, Clark; Rep. Bricken, Rush; Rep. Byrd, David; Rep. Carter, Mike; Rep. Cepicky, Scott; Rep. Cochran, Mark; Rep. Crawford, John; Rep. Curcio, Michael; Rep. Doggett, Clay; Rep. Eldridge, Rick; Rep. Faison, Jeremy; Rep. Gant, Ron; Rep. Garrett, Johnny; Rep. Griffey, Bruce; Rep. Grills, Rusty; Rep. Halford, Curtis; Rep. Hall, Mark; Rep. Haston, Kirk; Rep. Hawk, David; Rep. Helton, Esther; Rep. Hill, Timothy; Rep. Holsclaw, Jr., John; Rep. Holt, Andy; Rep. Howell, Dan; Rep. Hurt, Chris; Rep. Johnson, Curtis; Rep. Keisling, Kelly; Rep. Lafferty, Justin; Rep. Leatherwood, Tom; Rep. Littleton, Mary; Sen. Lundberg, Jon; Rep. Lynn, Susan; Rep. Marsh, Pat; Rep. Moody, Debra; Rep. Moon, Jerome; Rep. Powers, Dennis; Sen. Powers, Bill; Rep. Ragan, John; Rep. Ramsey, Bob; Rep. Reedy, Jay; Sen. Reeves, Shane; Sen. Roberts, Kerry; Rep. Rudd, Tim; Rep. Rudder, Iris; Rep. Sexton, Jerry; Rep. Sexton, Cameron; Rep. Sherrell, Paul; Rep. Smith, Robin; Rep. Sparks, Mike; Sen. Stevens, John; Rep. Terry, Bryan; Rep. Tillis, Rick; Rep. Todd, Chris; Rep. VanHuss, James; Sen. White, Dawn; Rep. Williams, Ryan; Rep. Wright, Dave; Rep. Zachary, Jason;

**Effective Date:**

Position:

Priority:

Comment: This is the "Governor's" bill. This bill creates an exception for only those individuals who would be eligible to be issued an enhanced handgun permit (but who have not done so) to carry in very limited locations without a permit. It would not apply to all individuals who can legally purchase a firearm in Tennessee. It would not apply to citizens from other states.

**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: 03/05/20 - Senate passed.

House Status: 06/11/20 - House Finance, Ways & Means Committee deferred to 06/15/20.

Committees: House Finance, Ways & Means Committee

Public Chapter:

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

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 06/11/20

Cosponsors: Sen. Crowe, Rusty; Rep. Griffey, Bruce; Sen. Pody, Mark; Sen. Rose, Paul; Sen. Stevens, John; Rep. VanHuss, James; Sen. White, Dawn;

Effective Date:

Position: Oppose

Priority:

Comment:

**SB2829/HB2900 CRIMINAL LAW: Requires a judge to inform a defendant if their offense is eligible for expunction.**

Sen. Robinson, Katrina  
Rep. Hardaway, G.A.

Summary: Requires a judge to notify a defendant at the time of sentencing if their conviction is for an eligible for expunction and the time period after which a petition to expunge may be filed.

Amendment House Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (017921) changes the effective date.

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

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

Intro Dates: H: 02/06/20

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

House Status: 06/11/20 - Set for House Floor on 06/15/20.

Committees: Senate Judiciary Committee

House Floor

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 32; Title 40, Chapter 35, Part 3 and Chapter 244 of the Public Acts of 2019, relative to expunction.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 06/11/20

Cosponsors: Rep. Clemmons, John; Sen. Kyle, Sara;

Effective Date:

Position:

Priority:

Comment:

**SB2887/HB2298 CRIMINAL LAW: Changes reporting date for TBI on excess cost of background checks.**

Sen. Bailey, Paul  
Rep. VanHuss, James

Summary: Changes from February 1 to January 15 the date by which the TBI is required to provide an annual report to the judiciary committees of the senate and house of representatives regarding the amount of money collected from gun dealers to perform background checks in excess of the TBI cost of background checks. Broadly captioned.

Amendment House Judiciary amendment 1 (017838) deletes all language after the enacting clause. Authorizes a person with a concealed handgun carry permit (CHCP) to possess a handgun while within or on a public park, natural area, historic park, nature trail, campground, forest, greenway, waterway, or other similar public place. Authorizes a person with a CHCP to possess a handgun on property that is owned or operated by a board of education, school, college, or university board of trustees, regents, or directors under certain circumstances. Effective October 1, 2020.

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Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 8, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Intro Dates: H: 02/05/20

Senate Status: 06/09/20 - Senate Judiciary Committee deferred to 12/01/20.

House Status: 06/11/20 - House Calendar & Rules Committee deferred to last calendar.

Committees: Senate Judiciary Committee

House Calendar & Rules Committee

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38; Title 39; Title 40; Title 49; Section 50-3-201; Section 58-1-112; Section 70-4-123 and Section 70-5-101, relative to firearms.

AG Opinion:

Last Action Date: 06/11/20

Cosponsors: Rep. Sherrell, Paul; Rep. VanHuss, James;

Effective Date:

Position:

Priority:

Comment:



**SB2888/HB2661 CRIMINAL LAW: Changes regulations for carrying a concealed handgun with a permit.**



Sen. Bailey, Paul  
Rep. Todd, Chris

*Summary:* Allows a person to carry a handgun in a concealed manner. Permits a person carrying a handgun in a concealed manner to carry in parks, higher education campuses, and areas posted by local governments in the same manner permitted by handgun carry permit holders.

*Amendment*

*Summary:*

*Subcommittee*

*Amendments:*

*Fiscal Note:*

(Dated March 7, 2020) Decrease State Revenue - \$2,357,100/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years/Handgun Permit Division \$496,600/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years/TBI Decrease State Expenditures \$83,700/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years/Handgun Permit Division \$349,500/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years/TBI Decrease Local Revenue \$172,500/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years Decrease Local Expenditures \$5,500/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years

*Intro Dates:*

H: 02/06/20

*Senate Status:*

06/09/20 - Senate Judiciary Committee deferred to 12/01/20.

*House Status:*

06/11/20 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee Calendar 2 06/15/20.

*Committees:*

Senate Judiciary Committee  
House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee Calendar 2

*Public Chapter:*

*Caption:*

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-7-504; Section 33-6-413; Section 38-8-116; Title 39; Section 50-1-312; Title 70, Chapter 4, Part 1 and Section 70-5-101, relative to carrying of firearms in a concealed manner.

*AG Opinion:*

*Last Action Date:*

06/11/20

*Cosponsors:*

Rep. Byrd, David; Rep. Carter, Mike; Rep. Crawford, John; Rep. Doggett, Clay; Rep. Eldridge, Rick; Rep. Griffey, Bruce; Rep. Grills, Rusty; Rep. Holt, Andy; Rep. Hulsey, 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. Wright, Dave;

*Effective Date:*

*Position:*

Support

*Priority:*

*Comment:*

**HJR821 CRIMINAL LAW: Discharging of firearms on interstate system and federal highways.**



Rep. Hardaway, G.A.

*Summary:* Urges U.S. Attorneys to pursue criminal charges against persons discharging firearms in violation of state or federal laws on the interstate system and other federal highways in Tennessee.

*Amendment*

*Summary:*

*Subcommittee*

*Amendments:*

*Fiscal Note:*

(Dated March 5, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Intro Dates:*

*Senate Status:*

*House Status:*

06/09/20 - House Judiciary Committee recommended. Sent to House Calendar & Rules.

*Committees:*

House Calendar & Rules Committee

*Public Chapter:*

*Caption:*

*AG Opinion:*

*Last Action Date:*

06/09/20

*Cosponsors:*

Rep. Clemmons, John; Rep. Hodges, Jason;

*Effective Date:*

*Position:*

*Priority:*

*Comment:*