



Tennessee Firearms Association

Calendar Report - Week of March 31, 2025

Mon 3/31/25 12:00pm - Senate Hearing Rm I, Senate Judiciary Committee

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3. **SB1075 CRIMINAL LAW: Hearing on suspension or revocation of person's handgun carry permit - notice.** Extends, from 10 to 15 days, the amount of written notice of the hearing date and time the department must provide to a person requesting a hearing on the department's suspension or revocation of the person's handgun carry permit. Broadly captioned.



Amendment Summary: House Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (005877) expands the definition of machine gun as it relates to weapons offenses. Provides an exception for acquiring or possessing such a weapon if the person is in full compliance with the National Firearms Act. Increases the offense of intentionally or knowingly possessing, manufacturing, transporting, repairing, or selling a machine gun from a Class E felony to a Class C felony. Expands the offense of unlawful possession of a firearm with a prior conviction of a felony crime of violence, an attempt to commit a felony crime of violence, or a felony involving a deadly weapon, or a prior conviction for a felony drug offense, to include possession of ammunition. Expands the offense of unlawful possession of a handgun to include possession of ammunition. Prohibits probation for a person convicted of aggravated assault involving the discharge of a firearm from within a motor vehicle. Establishes that a person incarcerated for the offense of aggravated assault, if the offense involved the use of a firearm from within a motor vehicle, is ineligible to receive sentence reduction credits and must serve 100 percent of the imposed sentence.

Subcommittee Amendments: HB1093_Amendment (004916).pdf

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 7, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/26/25 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget. Senate Judiciary Committee ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 40, relative to firearms.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors: Rep. Farmer, Andrew; Rep. Hardaway, G.A.;


Position: Oppose

Priority:

Comment: This bill was suddenly amended by the House Sponsor to completely change the effect of the legislation. It now seeks, among other things, to materially change the definition of a machinegun under state law. The problem that this creates is that machineguns already have very technical definitions under federal law and this amendment risks creating state law ambiguities that could give rise to different interpretations of state and federal law. Oppose this rushed proposed change in the law particularly since neither sponsor has a history establishing a clear or strong understanding of either the 2nd Amendment or the Supreme Court's rulings relative to the Second Amendment.

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HB1093 - C. Sexton - 03/26/25 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget.

4. **SB1082** **CRIMINAL LAW: Offense of possessing a firearm or antique firearm during commission or attempt to commit a dangerous felony.** Adds certain criminal offenses, including first degree murder, second degree murder, and reckless homicide to the list of dangerous felonies for purposes of the offense of possessing a firearm or antique firearm during commission or attempt to commit a dangerous felony. 
- Johnson J.
- Amendment Summary:** House Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (005970) expands the definition of “dangerous felony” in regard to weapons offenses, to include 15 additional criminal offenses.
- Subcommittee Amendments:**
- Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 27, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Incarceration \$117,600
- Senate Status:** 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.
- House Status:** 03/26/25 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/02/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee ;
- Caption:** AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to criminal offenses.
- AG Opinion:**
- Cosponsors:** Rep. Lamberth, William; Rep. Powers, Dennis;
- Position:** Oppose
- Priority:** 1 - Top-tier
- Comment:** The bill recklessly adds a lot of additional crimes as "dangerous" to an existing list.

For example, the bill adds “reckless homicide” TCA 39-13-215 as a “dangerous felony”. The result is that if someone “possesses” a firearm with the intent to go armed (which we believe is a standard that violates the Supreme Court decision in Bruen) at the time of the offense then the person gets as an additional crime or sentence of from 3 to 10 years in prison with no parole.

Consider, for example, the case of an individual who was convicted of reckless homicide, a Class D felony. The facts involved a car wreck in which two occupants of the other vehicle died. However, TN and federal law are clear that in Tennessee a “reckless homicide” is a nonviolent felony. Indeed, at least one Tennessee appellate court and one federal court have reached the same conclusion:

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We decline, however, to characterize reckless homicide as a crime of violence because it requires reckless conduct rather than intentional or knowing conduct. See *United States v. Portela*, 469 F.3d 496, 499 (6th Cir.2006) (holding that Tennessee’s vehicular assault statute, with the requisite mens rea of recklessness, was not a crime of violence under the United States Sentencing Guidelines). Because the defendant’s reckless homicide conviction was not a violent felony, we decline to weigh it more heavily against his credibility than other non-violent felonies.

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See, *State v. Parham*, 2010 WL 2898785, at *8 (Tenn.Crim.App.,2010)

This legislation seeks to elevate a non-violent felony conviction to a “dangerous felony” – a term that suggests at a minimum that there be some mens rea that would warrant a finding of knowing or intentional violence as opposed to recklessness.

Further, under the legislation if the individual had a firearm in their possession, e.g., a longarm for which there are few affirmative defenses under TN law, such that it qualified under the “intent to go armed” clause then a person committing a nonviolent felony which the state established was reckless but not either intentional nor knowing would be sentenced from 3 to 10 years in prison even if the normal consequence of the sentencing statutes called for no prison time at all for the underlying crime.

ROWS:

HB578 - C. Doggett - 03/26/25 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/02/25.

7. **SB1296** **CRIMINAL LAW: Criminal offenses for threatening to commit an act of mass violence and posting an individual's number or address.** Johnson J. Creates a criminal offense for threatening to commit an act of mass violence. Creates a criminal offense for posting on a publicly accessible website the telephone number or home address of an individual with the intent of causing harm or a threat of harm to the individual or a member of the individual's family or household. Part of Administration Package. 

Amendment Summary: House Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (004348) creates a Class E felony offense for knowingly, by any means of communication, threatening to commit an act of mass violence and the threat causes another to reasonably expect the commission of an act of mass violence. This classification is enhanced to a Class D felony if: (1) the violation involves a threat to commit mass violence on the property of a school, house of worship, or government, or at a live performance or event; (2) the defendant has one of more prior convictions for such offense or a Class A misdemeanor threat of mass violence on a school property; or (3) the defendant takes a substantial step towards the execution of the threatened act and engages in preparatory actions. Authorizes a sentencing court to order a person convicted of threatening to commit an act of mass violence to pay restitution, including costs and damages resulting from the disruption of the normal activity that would have otherwise occurred but for the threat to commit an act of mass violence. Creates a Class B misdemeanor offense for posting on a publicly accessible website a person's telephone number or address with the intent to threaten or cause harm. Enhances the penalty, from a Class B misdemeanor to a Class A misdemeanor, if the offense results in harm to the individual or a member of the individual's household.

Subcommittee Amendments: HB1314_Amendment (004348).pdf

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 14, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Incarceration \$822,200

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/26/25 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/02/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 8 and Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 3, relative to criminal offenses.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors: Rep. Cochran, Mark; Rep. McCalmon, Jake;

Position: Oppose

Priority:

Comment: Apparent caption bill.

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HB1314 - W. Lamberth - 03/26/25 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/02/25.

13. **SB1384**
 Watson B.

PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Creates the enhanced armed guard certificate. Creates the enhanced armed guard certificate that may be obtained upon completion of certain training and other requirements by an armed security guard/officer who has at least five years of full-time experience as a law enforcement officer or four years of active duty military experience in a combat arms military occupational specialty. Directs the commissioner of commerce and insurance to establish and approve an enhanced armed guard training course. Specifies that the enhanced armed guard training course be offered no less than quarterly and be at least 16 hours in length. Also requires the enhanced armed guard training to include must also include scenario-based training on when a rifle-caliber weapon may be deployed in an offensive or defensive posture and training on the secure storage of a rifle-caliber weapon when the weapon is not deployed.



Amendment Summary: House Commerce Committee amendment 1 (004376) creates a new registration enhancement to be issued by the Department of Commerce and Insurance (DCI) to an eligible armed guard. Requires applicants for the registration enhancement to: (1) hold a current registration card as an armed security guard issued by DCI in good standing; (2) have at least five years of full-time experience as a law enforcement officer and be in good standing if retired or separated from the employing law enforcement agency, or have at least four years of active duty military experience in a combat arms occupational specialty and be in good standing if either retired or separated from the armed forces with an honorable discharge; (3) pass a fingerprint history background check and psychological evaluation, and; (4) complete a written examination and an approved in-person training course. Authorizes an enhanced armed guard to carry and deploy a rifle or shotgun, provided the guard is certified to carry the weapon and adheres to certain other requirements. Requires the Commissioner of DCI to approve an enhanced armed guard training course. Requires the course approved to be offered at least quarterly for at least 16 hours in duration and to include specific training relative to a rifle or shotgun. Requires the Commissioner of DCI to issue a registration enhancement to an applicant upon verification that the applicant meets all of the requirements and upon payment of all registration fees. Requires a valid registration enhancement to be renewed annually by submitting to a criminal background check and by completing an annual requalification course, approved by the commissioner, that is at least eight hours in duration, of which at least 6 hours consist of rifle and shotgun training and qualification on a weapon range. Effective January 1, 2026. House Finance, Ways & Means Committee amendment 1 (005468) specifies that, notwithstanding the exemptions found currently in code, a person shall not carry a rifle or shotgun while providing security services without holding a current enhanced armed guard registration.

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 17, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT POST REVENUE TBI STS Commission FY25-26 \$14,700 \$1,700 \$11,500 FY26-27 & Subsequent Years \$23,100 \$3,400 - EXPENDITURES POST Commission FY25-26 \$1,105,400 FY26-27 & Subsequent Years \$673,800 Total Positions Required: 7

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/28/25 - Set for House Floor 03/31/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Floor ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 39 and Title 62, Chapter 35, relative to private protective services.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors: Rep. Powers, Dennis;


Position:

Priority:

Comment:

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HB683 - W. Lamberth - 03/28/25 - Set for House Floor 03/31/25.

16. **SB1244** **FAMILY LAW: Respondent who transfers a firearm to a third party.** Requires, if the respondent on an order of protection disposes firearms by transferring possession to a third party who is not prohibited from possessing firearms, the respondent to specify the third party and the physical address where all firearms are located on the affidavit of firearms dispossession form. Requires the third party to sign the affidavit of firearms dispossession form to acknowledge receipt of the firearms. 

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments: HB1210_Amendment (005302).pdf

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 6, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/26/25 - Set for House Civil Justice Subcommittee 04/02/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Civil Justice Subcommittee ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 3, Part 6, relative to domestic violence.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:


Position: Oppose

Priority:

Comment: This legislation is a step toward creating a database of transfers of firearms to specific individuals and storage locations. It is not even clear whether the legislation protects that information from open records requests.

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HB1210 - K. Keisling - 03/26/25 - Set for House Civil Justice Subcommittee 04/02/25.

24. **SB441** **CRIMINAL LAW: Carrying of a firearm into an area where firearms are not permitted.** Specifies that a person does not commit an offense if the person possesses or carries a firearm into an area that is posted if, upon the request of an individual authorized to control access to the property, the person immediately leaves the property or stores the firearm in a personal vehicle in accordance with state law. 

Amendment Summary: House Criminal Justice Subcommittee amendment 1 (006353) revises the offense of possessing a weapon on property that is properly posted to prohibit such possession such that the offense only applies if the individual intentionally or knowingly possessed the weapon where not authorized. Creates an affirmative defense to prosecution for the offense if, upon the request of an individual authorized to control access to the property, the individual immediately leaves the property or stores the firearm in a personal vehicle in accordance with state law.

Subcommittee Amendments: HB0478_Amendment (006353).pdf

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 26, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/26/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/02/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Judiciary Committee ;

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

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors: Rep. Atchley, Fred; Rep. Barrett, Jody; Rep. Bricken, Rush; Rep. Capley, Kip; Rep. Doggett, Clay; Rep. Eldridge, Rick; Rep. Grills, Rusty; Rep. Hill, Timothy; Rep. Hulsey, Bud; Rep. Hurt, Chris; Rep. Keisling, Kelly; Rep. Martin, Brock; Rep. McCalmon, Jake; Rep. Moody, Debra; Rep. Powers, Dennis; Rep. Reedy, Jay; Rep. Reeves, Lee; Rep. Reneau, Michele; Rep. Scarbrough, Rick; Rep. Slater, William; Rep. Todd, Chris; Rep. Vital, Greg;



Position: Support


Priority:

Comment:

rows:

HB478 - E. Butler - 03/26/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/02/25.

25. **SB914** **CRIMINAL LAW: Revocation or suspension of handgun carry permit - judicial review of DOS' final determination.**
Bailey P. Extends the time, from 30 to 45 days, within which a person whose handgun carry permit has  been suspended or revoked may petition the chancery court for judicial review of the department of safety's final determination. Broadly captioned.
- Amendment Summary:** House Criminal Justice Subcommittee amendment 1 (006054) revises the offense of carrying, with the intent to go armed, a firearm or a club, and separates the singular offense into individual new offenses of: (1) carrying, with the intent to go armed, a club; (2) carrying, for the purpose of employing as a weapon, a handgun, and; (3) carrying, for the purpose of employing as a weapon, a firearm other than a handgun. Establishes penalties for, and provides numerous exceptions to, these offenses. Revises the Class A misdemeanor offense for a person to possess a handgun while under the influence of an intoxicant such that it applies to possession of a firearm by a person under the influence, rather than a handgun. Lowers, from 21 to 18, the minimum age required for a person to obtain an enhanced, lifetime enhanced, and concealed handgun carry permit.
- Subcommittee Amendments:** HB0883_Amendment (006054).pdf
- Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 11, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT
- Senate Status:** 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.
- House Status:** 03/27/25 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 04/01/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Criminal Justice Subcommittee ;
- Caption:** AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, relative to firearms.
- AG Opinion:**
- Cosponsors:** Rep. Davis, Elaine; Rep. Doggett, Clay; Rep. Garrett, Johnny ; Rep. Grills, Rusty; Rep. Moon, Jerome; Rep. Zachary, Jason;
- Position:** Neutral
- Priority:**
- Comment:** Monitor as potential caption bill
- rows:**
HB883 - C. Todd - 03/27/25 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 04/01/25.
28. **SB163** **CRIMINAL LAW: Increases penalty for reckless endangerment.** increases the penalty for 
Hensley J. reckless endangerment when the offense is committed by discharging a firearm or antique firearm into a motor vehicle from a Class E felony to a Class C felony, if the motor vehicle is occupied, or a Class D felony, if the motor vehicle is unoccupied.
- Amendment Summary:** House Criminal Justice Subcommittee amendment 1 (004927) expands the offense of reckless endangerment to include discharging a firearm or antique firearm into a motor vehicle. Establishes that discharging a firearm into an occupied vehicle is a Class C felony, while discharging a firearm into an unoccupied vehicle is a Class D felony. Authorizes the offense to be prosecuted as aggravated assault, or any other criminal offense, if applicable.
- Subcommittee Amendments:** HB0468_Amendment (004927).pdf
- Fiscal Note:** (Dated January 24, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Incarceration \$84,700
- Senate Status:** 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.
- House Status:** 03/26/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/02/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Judiciary Committee ;
- Caption:** AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 1, relative to reckless endangerment.
- AG Opinion:**
- Cosponsors:** Rep. McCalmon, Jake; Rep. Powers, Dennis;
- Position:** Oppose
- Priority:**
- Comment:** This bill does not appear to have any reason behind the proposal of materially increasing the classification of felonies from one grade to a higher grade. This may be a bill brought to allow prosecutors to increase the risk of going to trial for a defendant merely as a means of negotiating plea bargains.
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HB468 - L. Reeves - 03/26/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/02/25.

31. **SB1360** **JUDICIARY: Civil actions against arms dealers, manufacturers, and sellers.** Removes the ability to bring a civil liability action for negligence per se against a seller of a qualified product. Expands "qualified products" to include knives, body armor, pepper spray, silencers, tasers, stun guns, and other certain products. Requires physical injury for a negligent entrustment action rather than an unreasonable risk of physical injury. Specifies that a person who will be subject to an ordinance in the future or reasonably intends to be physically present in the political subdivision is an adversely affected party for purposes of filing certain actions. Makes various other changes regarding civil actions against arms dealers, manufacturers, and sellers and the preemption of local regulation of firearms. Broadly captioned. 

Hensley J.

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments: HB0873_Amendment (004178).pdf

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 23, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/26/25 - Set for House Civil Justice Subcommittee 04/02/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Civil Justice Subcommittee ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29, Chapter 42 and Title 39, relative to weapons.

AG Opinion:


Cosponsors: Rep. Barrett, Jody; Rep. Powers, Dennis; Rep. Reedy, Jay; Rep. Stinnett, Tom;

Position: Support

Priority:

Comment:

rows:
HB873 - M. Fritts - 03/26/25 - Set for House Civil Justice Subcommittee 04/02/25.

32. **SB1407** **CRIMINAL LAW: Lowers the standard for the use of deadly force to protect property.** Lowers the standard for the use of deadly force to protect property. Specifies that deadly force does not include the display of a weapon, the brandishing of a weapon, or the use of force in circumstances that do not result in death or serious bodily injury. 

Hensley J.

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 4, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/26/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/02/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Judiciary Committee ;

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

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors: Rep. Atchley, Fred; Rep. Crawford, John; Rep. Doggett, Clay; Rep. Fritts, Monty; Rep. Garrett, Johnny ; Rep. Grills, Rusty; Rep. Martin, Brock; Rep. McCalmon, Jake; Rep. Moody, Debra; Rep. Powers, Dennis; Rep. Reeves, Lee; Rep. Rudd, Tim ; Rep. Stinnett, Tom; Rep. Todd, Chris; Rep. Vital, Greg; Rep. Zachary, Jason;

Position: Support

Priority:

Comment:

rows:
HB856 - K. Capley - 03/26/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/02/25.

39. **SB379** **CRIMINAL LAW: TACIR study on the impact of state's firearm laws on each county's firearm sales.** Directs the Tennessee advisory commission on intergovernmental relations (TACIR) to conduct a study on how firearm sales, criminal offenses, and use of firearms in self-defense are impacted by this state's firearm laws in regard to each county and must identify any similarities or dissimilarities. Requires the TACIR to report its findings to every member of the general assembly and provide a copy of its report to the legislative librarian no later than January 1, 2026.

Amendment Summary: House Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (003361) requires the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR) to conduct a study of how this state's firearm laws impact the following in regard to each county: (1) firearm sales; (2) criminal offenses; and (3) use of firearms for self-defense. Requires TACIR to report its findings to each member of the General Assembly and provide a copy of the study to the Legislative Librarian by July 1, 2026.

Subcommittee Amendments: HJUDCRIM_2025-02-28.pdf

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 12, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/12/25 - House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee deferred to TACIR calendar. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37; Title 38; Title 39 and Title 40, relative to firearms.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Position:

Priority:

Comment:

rows:

HB514 - J. Gillespie - 03/12/25 - House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee deferred to TACIR calendar.

43. **SB1227** **CRIMINAL LAW: Enhanced and concealed firearm carry permits.** Renames enhanced and concealed handgun carry permits as enhanced and concealed firearm carry permits and authorizes a permit holder to carry any firearms, rather than handguns, that the permit holder legally owns or possesses. Broadly captioned.

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 21, 2025) OTHER FISCAL IMPACT The proposed legislation will require updates to the Department of Safety's A-List software system and changes in handgun permit design and implementation. It is assumed that these updates can be accomplished by the vendors under current contractual agreements without a need for additional expenditures. However, if the scope of work required by this and other legislation subsequently enacted exhausts the relevant contract provisions, the proposed legislation could result in an increase in state expenditures of \$142,600 in FY25-26.

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/26/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/02/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Judiciary Committee ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 7; Title 8; Title 10; Title 33; Title 36; Title 37; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40; Title 49; Title 50; Title 57; Title 67; Title 68 and Title 70, relative to firearms.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors: Rep. Barrett, Jody; Rep. Powers, Dennis;

Position: Support

Priority:

Comment:

rows:

HB1189 - R. Grills - 03/26/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/02/25.

45. **SB662** **HEALTH CARE: Mental health evaluations for persons charged with certain criminal offenses.** Establishes a rebuttable presumption that a person poses an immediate substantial likelihood of serious harm and needs emergency detention if the person is charged with a crime that would require the defendant to serve at least 85% of the sentence before becoming eligible for release from incarceration and ordered by the criminal, circuit, or general sessions court to undergo an evaluation to determine if the person is incompetent to stand trial. .



Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 17, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES General Fund FY26-27 & Subsequent Years >\$797,900

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/26/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/02/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Judiciary Committee ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33; Title 40 and Title 52, relative to mental health evaluations.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Position: Oppose

Priority:

Comment: As a general rule, TFA opposes proposals to create rebuttable presumptions that operate against the rights of individuals who have been accused but not convicted of a criminal offense.

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HB625 - G. Hardaway - 03/26/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/02/25.

48. **SB1176** **CRIMINAL LAW: Regulating the manner of firearm and ammunition storage in certain municipalities.** Permits the largest municipality in Shelby, Davidson, Knox, or Hamilton county to regulate the manner of storage of firearms, firearm ammunition, and firearm accessories by ordinance, resolution, policy, rule, or other enactment.



Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 20, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/26/25 - Set for House Civil Justice Subcommittee 04/02/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Civil Justice Subcommittee ;

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

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:


Position: Oppose

Priority:

Comment: Proposal violates 2nd Amendment as applied by Bruen, Heller and McDonald.

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HB1231 - L. Miller - 03/26/25 - Set for House Civil Justice Subcommittee 04/02/25.

- 50. **SB1184** **FAMILY LAW: Firearm dispossession - person convicted of domestic assault.** Requires a person who is convicted of domestic assault or subject to an order of protection to dispossess any firearm in the person's possession by transferring the firearm to a law enforcement agency and to provide the court with an affidavit of dispossession of firearms and a receipt from the law enforcement agency. 

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 22, 2025) OTHER FISCAL IMPACT The proposed legislation will result in a significant increase in local expenditures in FY25-26 and subsequent years related to law enforcement agencies being required to take custody of and store several thousand additional firearms each year. Due to multiple unknown variables, a precise estimate of such increases cannot be determined.

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/26/25 - Set for House Civil Justice Subcommittee 04/02/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Civil Justice Subcommittee ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36; Title 39 and Title 40, relative to firearms dispossession.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors: Rep. Clemmons, John; Rep. Dixie, Vincent; Rep. Freeman, Bob; Rep. Glynn, Ronnie; Rep. Hakeem, Yusuf; Rep. Hardaway, G.A.; Rep. Harris, Torrey; Rep. Love Jr., Harold; Rep. Miller, Larry; Rep. Pearson, Justin; Rep. Powell, Jason; Rep. Shaw, Johnny;


Position: Oppose

Priority:

Comment:

rows:

HB948 - S. Brooks - 03/26/25 - Set for House Civil Justice Subcommittee 04/02/25.

- 53. **SB1191** **CRIMINAL LAW: Akilah's Law.** Enacts "Akilah's Law," which creates the offense of selling, offering to sell, delivering, or transferring a firearm to a person knowing the person has been a patient in a mental institution at any time within the previous five years. 

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 12, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/26/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/02/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Judiciary Committee ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33 and Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to firearms.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors: Rep. Behn, Aftyn; Rep. Camper, Karen; Rep. Chism, Jesse; Rep. Clemmons, John; Rep. Dixie, Vincent; Rep. Freeman, Bob; Rep. Glynn, Ronnie; Rep. Hakeem, Yusuf; Rep. Hardaway, G.A.; Rep. Harris, Torrey; Rep. Hemmer, Caleb; Rep. Johnson, Gloria; Rep. Jones, Justin; Rep. Love Jr., Harold; Rep. McKenzie, Sam; Rep. Miller, Larry; Rep. Mitchell, Bo; Rep. Parkinson, Antonio; Rep. Pearson, Justin; Rep. Powell, Jason; Rep. Salinas, Gabby; Rep. Shaw, Johnny; Rep. Towns Jr., Joe;


Position: Oppose

Priority:

Comment: Proposal violates 2nd Amendment as applied by Bruen, Heller and McDonald.

rows:

HB947 - S. Brooks - 03/26/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/02/25.

54. **SB1348** **CRIMINAL LAW: Offense of unlawfully carrying a firearm with intent to go armed.** Deletes the exception to the criminal offense of unlawfully carrying a firearm with intent to go armed for persons who lawfully possess a handgun, are in a place where the person is lawfully present, and are at least 21 years old or 18 years old with certain military service. Broadly captioned. 

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 8, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE TBI Handgun Permit Division FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$2,408,000 \$8,328,300 EXPENDITURES TBI Handgun Permit Division FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$1,161,300 \$3,346,700 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE Mandatory FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$728,500

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/26/25 - Failed in House Criminal Justice Subcommittee. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Criminal Justice Subcommittee ;

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

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:


Position: Oppose

Priority:

Comment: Proposal violates 2nd Amendment as applied by Bruen, Heller and McDonald.

rows:

HB1392 - J. Pearson - 03/26/25 - Failed in House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

56. **SB1350** **CRIMINAL LAW: Issuance of an extreme risk protection order.** Allows a court to issue an extreme risk protection order upon a finding by clear and convincing evidence that a person poses a significant danger of causing personal injury to the person or others if allowed to possess or purchase a firearm. Authorizes a law enforcement officer or relative to file a petition for an extreme risk protection order. Provides that a petition does not require either party to be represented by an attorney. Outlines requirements for a petition. Creates an offense to store or keep a firearm in any place unless the firearm is secured in a locked container, unloaded, and separate from ammunition except when the firearm is carried by or under the control of the owner or other lawfully authorized user. Prohibits a gun dealer from delivering a firearm to a purchaser until 15 business days after the completion of certain requirements. (21 pp). 

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 21, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Incarceration \$390,100 LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Mandatory FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$275,200 Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/26/25 - Set for House Civil Justice Subcommittee 04/02/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Civil Justice Subcommittee ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33; Title 38 and Title 39, Chapter 17, relative to firearms.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:


Position: Oppose

Priority:

Comment: Red Flag Law. Proposal violates 2nd Amendment as applied by Bruen, Heller and McDonald.

rows:

HB1390 - J. Pearson - 03/26/25 - Set for House Civil Justice Subcommittee 04/02/25.

65. **SB33** **CRIMINAL LAW: MaKayla's Law.** Amends the offense of reckless endangerment to specifically include a person's reckless failure to render inoperable or safely secure or lock a firearm, resulting in a child under 13 gaining possession of the firearm and injuring or killing the child or another. 

Campbell
H.

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 24, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Incarceration \$178,000 LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Mandatory FY25-26 & Subsequent Years (\$9,500)

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/27/25 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 04/01/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Criminal Justice Subcommittee ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13, relative to the offense of reckless endangerment.

AG Opinion:


Cosponsors:

Position: Oppose

Priority:

Comment: Proposal violates 2nd Amendment as applied by Bruen, Heller and McDonald.

rows:
HB167 - B. Mitchell - 03/27/25 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 04/01/25.

66. **SB34** **CRIMINAL LAW: Offense of knowingly giving, selling, or transferring a firearm to prohibited person.** Creates a Class A misdemeanor for knowingly giving, selling, lending, delivering, or otherwise transferring a firearm to a person when the transferor knows or reasonably should know that the person receiving the firearm is prohibited from purchasing or possessing a firearm under state or federal law. 

Campbell
H.

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 1, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/27/25 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 04/01/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Criminal Justice Subcommittee ;

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

AG Opinion:


Cosponsors:

Position: Oppose

Priority:

Comment: Proposal violates 2nd Amendment as applied by Bruen, Heller and McDonald.

rows:
HB599 - B. Freeman - 03/27/25 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 04/01/25.

67. **SB642** **CRIMINAL LAW: Tennessee Voluntary Do Not Sell Firearms Act.** Enacts the "Tennessee Voluntary Do Not Sell Firearms Act," which permits a person to voluntarily waive their firearm rights through filing a waiver with the clerk of the circuit court in the county of the person's residence. Specifies procedures the clerk, TBI, and department of safety must follow upon receipt of a waiver. 
- Campbell
H.

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 21, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENTEXPENDITURES General FundFY25-26 \$50,000

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/26/25 - Set for House Civil Justice Subcommittee 04/02/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Civil Justice Subcommittee ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3; Section 10-7-504 and Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to the "Tennessee Voluntary Do Not Sell Firearms Act."

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors: Rep. Behn, Aftyn;


Position: Oppose

Priority:

Comment:

rows:

HB596 - B. Freeman - 03/26/25 - Set for House Civil Justice Subcommittee 04/02/25.

71. **SB1105** **CRIMINAL LAW: Destruction of confiscated weapons.** Expands the circumstances in which a law enforcement agency may petition the court for permission to destroy a firearm that has been confiscated by a law enforcement officer and been declared contraband by a court. Applies to any firearm, not only firearms that are deemed inoperable or unsafe. 
- Campbell
H.

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 20, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/27/25 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 04/01/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Criminal Justice Subcommittee ;

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

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:


Position: Oppose

Priority:

Comment:

rows:

HB1292 - J. Powell - 03/27/25 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 04/01/25.

73. **SB43** **CRIMINAL LAW: Authorization of counties to not permit handgun permits.** Authorizes a county legislative body to elect not to permit persons within the county to lawfully carry a handgun without a handgun carry permit by passage of a resolution. Requires a county that has passed such a resolution to provide notice to persons present within the county by posting notice of the resolution in conspicuous public locations throughout the county. 

Lamar L.

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 20, 2025) OTHER FISCAL IMPACT The extent and timing of increases in state revenue and expenditures and local revenue cannot be determined with reasonable certainty.

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 02/10/25 - Referred to House Civil Justice Subcommittee. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Civil Justice Subcommittee ;

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

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:


Position: Oppose

Priority:

Comment: Proposal violates 2nd Amendment as applied by Bruen, Heller and McDonald.

rows:

HB814 - L. Miller - 02/10/25 - Referred to House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

74. **SB903** **CRIMINAL LAW: Sale or transfer of a firearm be done through a federally licensed gun dealer.** Requires, subject to certain exemptions, that a sale or transfer of a firearm be done through a federally licensed gun dealer; creates a Class B misdemeanor offense for sales or transfers that are not conducted through a gun dealer. 

Lamar L.

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 19, 2025) OTHER FISCAL IMPACT There will be a recurring mandatory increase in local expenditures related to incarceration in FY25- 26 and subsequent years. Due to unknown variables, a precise estimate of this increase cannot be quantified. To the extent the proposed legislation results in an increase to the number of firearms sales transacted through federally-licensed firearm dealers, there will be an increase in revenue associated with sales tax and TBI background check fees. Due to multiple unknown variables, any such impact cannot be determined with reasonable certainty. Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost. HB 956 - SB 903

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/26/25 - Taken off notice in House Criminal Justice Subcommittee. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Criminal Justice Subcommittee ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 54; Title 38, Chapter 3, Part 1 and Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to the transfer of firearms.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:


Position: Oppose

Priority:

Comment: Proposal violates 2nd Amendment as applied by Bruen, Heller and McDonald.

rows:

HB956 - S. Brooks - 03/26/25 - Taken off notice in House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

76. **SB957** **CRIMINAL LAW: Class E felony - automatic weapons.** Creates a Class E felony for the possession, manufacture, transport, repair, or sale of a switch or auto sear device designed, made, or adapted for the purpose of converting a weapon to shoot automatically more than one shot, without manual reloading, by a single function of the trigger unless certain exceptions apply. 

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 26, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/27/25 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 04/01/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Criminal Justice Subcommittee ;

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

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:


Position: Oppose

Priority:

Comment: Proposal violates 2nd Amendment as applied by Bruen, Heller and McDonald.

rows:

HB1082 - K. Camper - 03/27/25 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 04/01/25.

77. **SB1253** **CRIMINAL LAW: Carrying or possessing a firearm by person who is not a lawful permanent resident or US citizen.** Creates the offense of knowingly carrying or possessing a firearm, including if the firearm was privately assembled and does not include a serial number, if, at the time of possession, the person is not a citizen of the United States or a lawful permanent resident. 

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 22, 2025) LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Mandatory FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$942,900 Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/27/25 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 04/01/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Criminal Justice Subcommittee ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13 and Title 55, Chapter 50, relative to firearms.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Position:

Priority:

Comment: Monitor

rows:

HB1098 - J. Towns Jr. - 03/27/25 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 04/01/25.

- 79. **SB1183** **CRIMINAL LAW: Offense of storing or keeping a firearm in any place if firearm in not secured in locked container.**
 Kyle S. Creates a criminal offense of storing or keeping a firearm in any place if the firearm is not secured in a locked container or equipped with a tamper-resistant mechanical lock or other safety device that is properly engaged so as to render the firearm inoperable by any person other than the owner or another lawfully authorized user. Punishes a violation of the offense as a Class A misdemeanor.



Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 13, 2025) LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Mandatory FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$283,900 Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/27/25 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 04/01/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Criminal Justice Subcommittee ;

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

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors: Rep. Clemmons, John; Rep. Dixie, Vincent; Rep. Freeman, Bob; Rep. Glynn, Ronnie; Rep. Hardaway, G.A.; Rep. Harris, Torrey; Rep. Johnson, Gloria; Rep. Love Jr., Harold; Rep. Miller, Larry; Rep. Pearson, Justin; Rep. Powell, Jason; Rep. Shaw, Johnny;

Position: Oppose

Priority:

Comment: Proposal violates 2nd Amendment as applied by Bruen, Heller and McDonald.

rows:

HB949 - S. Brooks - 03/27/25 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 04/01/25.

- 95. **SB819** **CRIMINAL LAW: Tennessee Firearms Freedom Act.** Creates a civil action against any person or government entity that infringes upon a person's right to bear arms under the Tennessee or United States Constitutions. Specifies that the person or entity is liable for actual or statutory damages, punitive damages, attorney's fees, and court costs.



Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 1, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/26/25 - Set for House Civil Justice Subcommittee 04/02/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Civil Justice Subcommittee ;

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

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors: Rep. Powers, Dennis; Rep. Todd, Chris;


Position: Support

Priority:

Comment:

rows:

HB554 - K. Capley - 03/26/25 - Set for House Civil Justice Subcommittee 04/02/25.

100. **SB407** **CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Revises the procedure for restoration of rights of citizenship.** 

Gardenhire Revises the procedure for restoration of rights of citizenship.

T. **Amendment Summary:** House Criminal Justice Subcommittee amendment 1 (005985) authorizes a person, who has been convicted of an infamous crime, to have their right of suffrage reinstated without having their full rights of citizenship reinstated. Restores the right of suffrage on the effective date of this legislation to any person who forfeited the right of suffrage due only to a felony conviction prior to January 15, 1973. Establishes requirements for what a petition for restoration of rights of citizenship must contain, and authorizes the court to request any additional proof as it deems necessary to reach a decision on the petition. Specifies that the Administrative of the Courts (AOC), in consultation with the Secretary of State (SOS) and other appropriate entities, will develop the petition for restoration of citizenship rights form and an order granting restoration of citizenship rights form. Authorizes the court to restore the petitioner's right to possess a firearm, full rights of citizenship, and right of suffrage separately from one another.

Subcommittee Amendments: HB0445_Amendment (005985).pdf

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 14, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/26/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/02/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Judiciary Committee ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2; Title 4; Title 22; Title 36; Title 39 and Title 40, relative to rights of citizenship.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors: Rep. Barrett, Jody; Rep. Hardaway, G.A.; Rep. Russell, Lowell; Sen. Yager, Ken;

Position: Neutral

Priority:

Comment: Bill is very broadly written and needs to be monitored for amendments.

rows:

HB445 - B. Hulsey - 03/26/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/02/25.

- 107. **SB256** **CRIMINAL LAW: Request for post-conviction relief.** Establishes a procedure through which a district attorney general or person convicted of a criminal offense may, at any time, request post-conviction relief by filing a verified petition alleging actual innocence based on new evidence that was not known by the judge or jury at the time of conviction, including scientific and non-scientific evidence. Specifies that the clerk shall not charge a fee for the filing of such petition. Requires the petition to include allegations of fact supporting each claim for relief and requires the petition and any amended petition to be verified under oath.



Amendment Summary: Senate Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (005629) authorizes a District Attorney General or a person convicted of a criminal offense to file a petition for post-conviction relief (PCR) at any time alleging actual innocence based on new evidence, if a petition has not been previously filed and determined based on the same evidence. Prohibits the court clerk from charging a fee for the filing of the petition. Requires the court to schedule the matter for a hearing if the court determines the petitioner has a valid claim. Authorizes a petitioner to seek relief irrespective of whether guilt was determined following a jury trial, plea of guilty, plea of best interest, or plea of no contest. Requires the court to vacate the petitioner's conviction and order a new trial if the new evidence establishes the petitioner's innocence. Requires the clerk to mail a copy of the petition of relief to the office that is representing the state once received. House Criminal Justice Subcommittee amendment 1 (006334) expands writ of error coram nobis to include cases in which the defendant entered a guilty, best interest, or no contest plea.

Subcommittee Amendments: HB0601_Amendment (006334).pdf

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 1, 2025) OTHER FISCAL IMPACT To the extent a hearing is held and a defendants conviction is vacated, there will be a reduction in state incarceration expenditures. The timing and amount of any sentence reduction is unknown and unable to be determined with reasonable certainty. Any increase in expenditures to General Fund or the Indigent Defense Fund is dependent upon multiple unknown factors and cannot be reasonably quantified.

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/26/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/02/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Judiciary Committee ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, relative to post-conviction relief.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors: Rep. Hardaway, G.A.;

Position:

Priority:

Comment:

rows:

HB601 - B. Freeman - 03/26/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/02/25.

Mon 3/31/25 2:00pm - House Chamber, House Consent

8. **HB1060 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Fees for hunting and fishing licenses.** Increases the fee that county clerks and other agents are authorized to collect from purchases of hunting and fishing licenses from \$1.00 to \$3.00 for annual licenses and \$.50 to \$3.00 for temporary licenses.



Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 1, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE Wildlife Resource Fund FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$18,200 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE Mandatory FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$118,300

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Finance.

House Status: 03/28/25 - Set for House Consent 03/31/25. Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee ; House Consent ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-2-106, relative to agent fees.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Position:

Priority:

Comment:

rows:

SB1038 - J. Bowling - 03/26/25 - Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Finance.

Mon 3/31/25 2:00pm - House Chamber, House Floor

19. **HB683** **PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Creates the enhanced armed guard certificate.** Creates the enhanced armed guard certificate that may be obtained upon completion of certain training and other requirements by an armed security guard/officer who has at least five years of full-time experience as a law enforcement officer or four years of active duty military experience in a combat arms military occupational specialty. Directs the commissioner of commerce and insurance to establish and approve an enhanced armed guard training course. Specifies that the enhanced armed guard training course be offered no less than quarterly and be at least 16 hours in length. Also requires the enhanced armed guard training to include must also include scenario-based training on when a rifle-caliber weapon may be deployed in an offensive or defensive posture and training on the secure storage of a rifle-caliber weapon when the weapon is not deployed.

Amendment Summary: House Commerce Committee amendment 1 (004376) creates a new registration enhancement to be issued by the Department of Commerce and Insurance (DCI) to an eligible armed guard. Requires applicants for the registration enhancement to: (1) hold a current registration card as an armed security guard issued by DCI in good standing; (2) have at least five years of full-time experience as a law enforcement officer and be in good standing if retired or separated from the employing law enforcement agency, or have at least four years of active duty military experience in a combat arms occupational specialty and be in good standing if either retired or separated from the armed forces with an honorable discharge; (3) pass a fingerprint history background check and psychological evaluation, and; (4) complete a written examination and an approved in-person training course. Authorizes an enhanced armed guard to carry and deploy a rifle or shotgun, provided the guard is certified to carry the weapon and adheres to certain other requirements. Requires the Commissioner of DCI to approve an enhanced armed guard training course. Requires the course approved to be offered at least quarterly for at least 16 hours in duration and to include specific training relative to a rifle or shotgun. Requires the Commissioner of DCI to issue a registration enhancement to an applicant upon verification that the applicant meets all of the requirements and upon payment of all registration fees. Requires a valid registration enhancement to be renewed annually by submitting to a criminal background check and by completing an annual requalification course, approved by the commissioner, that is at least eight hours in duration, of which at least 6 hours consist of rifle and shotgun training and qualification on a weapon range. Effective January 1, 2026. House Finance, Ways & Means Committee amendment 1 (005468) specifies that, notwithstanding the exemptions found currently in code, a person shall not carry a rifle or shotgun while providing security services without holding a current enhanced armed guard registration.

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 17, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT POST REVENUE TBI STS Commission FY25-26 \$14,700 \$1,700 \$11,500 FY26-27 & Subsequent Years \$23,100 \$3,400 - EXPENDITURES POST Commission FY25-26 \$1,105,400 FY26-27 & Subsequent Years \$673,800 Total Positions Required: 7

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/28/25 - Set for House Floor 03/31/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Floor ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 39 and Title 62, Chapter 35, relative to private protective services.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors: Rep. Powers, Dennis;

Position:

Priority:


Comment:

rows:

SB1384 - B. Watson - 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

Tue 4/1/25 9:00am - House Hearing Rm I, House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee

MEMBERS W/ EMAILS: Email All; CHAIR C. Todd (R); VICE CHAIR G. Martin (R); R. Alexander (R); A. Behn (D); T. Darby (R); C. Doggett (R); M. Fritts (R); R. Grills (R); B. Hulseley (R); C. Hurt (R); J. Jones (D); J. Reedy (R); J. Shaw (D); T. Stinnett (R); R. Travis (R); G. Vital (R) PHONE: 615-741-7425 EMAIL: ethan.bledsoe@capitol.tn.gov

- 14. **HB175** **ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Use of drones to locate and retrieve deer that have been wounded by hunters.** Authorizes the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission to promulgate rules or pass proclamations to authorize the use of unmanned aircraft, including drones, to locate and retrieve deer that have been wounded by hunters. 

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 18, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 02/26/25 - Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

House Status: 03/26/25 - Set for House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee 04/01/25. Senate Calendar Committee ; House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 70, relative to the use of unmanned aircraft for deer recovery when hunting.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:


Position: Amend

Priority: 3 - Third-tier

Comment: The bill specifically references "deer." It should likely be amended to include the search for or recovery of game or injured animal. Why, for example, limit this to deer when it just as easily could be elk, bear, exotics, waterfowl, etc.? Also, why is it limited to those animals wounded while lawfully engaged in hunting? Are there other reasons (e.g., road injuries) that should allow for such search and location?

rows:

SB130 - P. Walley - 02/26/25 - Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

- 16. **HB799** **ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Guide licenses for persons who work as guides at Reelfoot Lake.** Directs the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission to promulgate rules to create and issue guide licenses for persons who work as guides at Reelfoot Lake. 

Amendment Summary: House Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee amendment 1 (005724) Defines the term "guide" as it relates to this bill. Requires the commission to create and issue waterfowl guide licenses for individuals at Reelfoot Lake who work as waterfowl guides.

Subcommittee Amendments: HB0799_Amendment (005724).pdf

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 14, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE Wildlife Resources Fund FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$6,500

Senate Status: 03/24/25 - Senate passed.

House Status: 03/26/25 - Set for House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee 04/01/25. House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 11, Chapter 14, Part 1 and Title 70, relative to Reelfoot Lake guide licenses.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Position:

Priority:



Comment:


rows:


SB863 - J. Stevens - 03/24/25 - Senate passed.


Tue 4/1/25 11:00am - House Hearing Rm II, House Criminal Justice Subcommittee

Final Calendar MEMBERS W/ EMAILS: Email All; CHAIR C. Doggett (R); F. Atchley (R); A. Farmer (R); W. Lamberth (R); M. Littleton (R); J. Powell (D); L. Russell (R); G. Salinas (D); R. Scarbrough (R) PHONE: (615) 741-7476

1. **HB883** **CRIMINAL LAW: Revocation or suspension of handgun carry permit - judicial review of DOS' final determination.**
Todd C. Extends the time, from 30 to 45 days, within which a person whose handgun carry permit has  been suspended or revoked may petition the chancery court for judicial review of the department of safety's final determination. Broadly captioned.
- Amendment Summary:** House Criminal Justice Subcommittee amendment 1 (006054) revises the offense of carrying, with the intent to go armed, a firearm or a club, and separates the singular offense into individual new offenses of: (1) carrying, with the intent to go armed, a club; (2) carrying, for the purpose of employing as a weapon, a handgun, and; (3) carrying, for the purpose of employing as a weapon, a firearm other than a handgun. Establishes penalties for, and provides numerous exceptions to, these offenses. Revises the Class A misdemeanor offense for a person to possess a handgun while under the influence of an intoxicant such that it applies to possession of a firearm by a person under the influence, rather than a handgun. Lowers, from 21 to 18, the minimum age required for a person to obtain an enhanced, lifetime enhanced, and concealed handgun carry permit.
- Subcommittee Amendments:** HB0883_Amendment (006054).pdf
- Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 11, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT
- Senate Status:** 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.
- House Status:** 03/27/25 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 04/01/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Criminal Justice Subcommittee ;
- Caption:** AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, relative to firearms.
- AG Opinion:**
- Cosponsors:** Rep. Davis, Elaine; Rep. Doggett, Clay; Rep. Garrett, Johnny ; Rep. Grills, Rusty; Rep. Moon, Jerome; Rep. Zachary, Jason;
- Position:** Neutral
- Priority:**
- Comment:** Monitor as potential caption bill
- rows:**
SB914 - P. Bailey - 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.
6. **HB1082** **CRIMINAL LAW: Class E felony - automatic weapons.** Creates a Class E felony for the 
Camper K. possession, manufacture, transport, repair, or sale of a switch or auto sear device designed, made, or adapted for the purpose of converting a weapon to shoot automatically more than one shot, without manual reloading, by a single function of the trigger unless certain exceptions apply.
- Amendment Summary:**
- Subcommittee Amendments:**
- Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 26, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT
- Senate Status:** 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.
- House Status:** 03/27/25 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 04/01/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Criminal Justice Subcommittee ;
- Caption:** AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to firearms.
- AG Opinion:**
- Cosponsors:**
- Position:** Oppose
- Priority:**
- Comment:** Proposal violates 2nd Amendment as applied by Bruen, Heller and McDonald.
- rows:**
SB957 - L. Lamar - 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

10. **HB167** **CRIMINAL LAW: MaKayla's Law.** Amends the offense of reckless endangerment to specifically include a person's reckless failure to render inoperable or safely secure or lock a firearm, resulting in a child under 13 gaining possession of the firearm and injuring or killing the child or another. 
- Mitchell B.
- Amendment Summary:**
- Subcommittee Amendments:**
- Fiscal Note:** (Dated January 24, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Incarceration \$178,000 LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Mandatory FY25-26 & Subsequent Years (\$9,500)
- Senate Status:** 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.
- House Status:** 03/27/25 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 04/01/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Criminal Justice Subcommittee ;
- Caption:** AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13, relative to the offense of reckless endangerment.
- AG Opinion:**
- Cosponsors:**
- Position:** Oppose
- Priority:**
- Comment:** Proposal violates 2nd Amendment as applied by Bruen, Heller and McDonald.
- rows:**
SB33 - H. Campbell - 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

13. **HB931** **CRIMINAL LAW: Self-defense - use of force intended or likely to cause death or serious bodily injury.** Specifies that a person using force intended or likely to cause death or serious bodily injury from within the person's residence or dwelling is presumed to have acted in self-defense when that force is used against an individual armed with a deadly weapon who is unlawfully present on the person's property and outside of the enclosed structure of the person's residence or dwelling. 
- Towns Jr.
J.
- Amendment Summary:**
- Subcommittee Amendments:**
- Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 9, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT
- Senate Status:** 03/11/25 - Taken off notice in Senate Judiciary Committee.
- House Status:** 03/27/25 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 04/01/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Criminal Justice Subcommittee ;
- Caption:** AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 11 and Title 40, relative to self-defense.
- AG Opinion:**
- Cosponsors:** Rep. Fritts, Monty; Rep. Powers, Dennis;
- Position:** Neutral
- Priority:**
- Comment:** Monitor for amendments
- rows:**
SB859 - B. Taylor - 03/11/25 - Taken off notice in Senate Judiciary Committee.

14. **HB1098** **CRIMINAL LAW: Carrying or possessing a firearm by person who is not a lawful permanent resident or US citizen.**
Towns Jr. Creates the offense of knowingly carrying or possessing a firearm, including if the firearm was 
J. privately assembled and does not include a serial number, if, at the time of possession, the person is not a citizen of the United States or a lawful permanent resident.

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 22, 2025) LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Mandatory FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$942,900 Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/27/25 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 04/01/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Criminal Justice Subcommittee ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13 and Title 55, Chapter 50, relative to firearms.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:


Position:

Priority:

Comment: Monitor

rows:

SB1253 - L. Lamar - 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

15. **HB599** **CRIMINAL LAW: Offense of knowingly giving, selling, or transferring a firearm to prohibited person.** Creates a Class A
Freeman misdemeanor for knowingly giving, selling, lending, delivering, or otherwise transferring a firearm 
B. to a person when the transferor knows or reasonably should know that the person receiving the firearm is prohibited from purchasing or possessing a firearm under state or federal law.

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 1, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/27/25 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 04/01/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Criminal Justice Subcommittee ;

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

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:


Position: Oppose

Priority:

Comment: Proposal violates 2nd Amendment as applied by Bruen, Heller and McDonald.

rows:

SB34 - H. Campbell - 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

19. **HB949** **CRIMINAL LAW: Offense of storing or keeping a firearm in any place if firearm in not secured in locked container.** 
 Brooks S. Creates a criminal offense of storing or keeping a firearm in any place if the firearm is not secured in a locked container or equipped with a tamper-resistant mechanical lock or other safety device that is properly engaged so as to render the firearm inoperable by any person other than the owner or another lawfully authorized user. Punishes a violation of the offense as a Class A misdemeanor.

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 13, 2025) LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Mandatory FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$283,900 Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/27/25 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 04/01/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Criminal Justice Subcommittee ;

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

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors: Rep. Clemmons, John; Rep. Dixie, Vincent; Rep. Freeman, Bob; Rep. Glynn, Ronnie; Rep. Hardaway, G.A.; Rep. Harris, Torrey; Rep. Johnson, Gloria; Rep. Love Jr., Harold; Rep. Miller, Larry; Rep. Pearson, Justin; Rep. Powell, Jason; Rep. Shaw, Johnny;


Position: Oppose

Priority:

Comment: Proposal violates 2nd Amendment as applied by Bruen, Heller and McDonald.

rows:

SB1183 - S. Kyle - 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

20. **HB1222** **CRIMINAL LAW: Court issuance of an emergency protection order.** 
 Johnson G. Allows a court to issue an emergency protection order upon a finding that a person poses an imminent risk of harm to the person or others if allowed to purchase or possess a firearm. Authorizes a family member, household member, intimate partner, or law enforcement officer to petition for such an order. (10pp.). Broadly captioned.

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 22, 2025) LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Mandatory FY25-26 & Subsequent Years > \$54,900 Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost. SB 1131 - HB 1222

Senate Status: 02/12/25 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status: 03/27/25 - Set for House Criminal Justice Subcommittee 04/01/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Criminal Justice Subcommittee ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36 and Title 39, relative to emergency protection orders.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Position: Oppose

Priority: 1 - Top-tier

Comment: Red Flag law - Proposal violates 2nd Amendment as applied by Bruen, Heller and McDonald.

rows:

SB1131 - J. Yarbro - 02/12/25 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

6. **HB387** **PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Prohibits a healthcare provider from inquiring as to a patient's ownership of firearm ammunition.** Prohibits a healthcare provider from inquiring as to a patient's ownership, possession of, or access to firearm ammunition or firearm accessories. Prohibits a healthcare provider from denying future treatment of a patient based upon a patient's ownership or control of a firearm, firearm ammunition, or firearm accessories. Subjects the healthcare provider to disciplinary action and a fine of \$1,000 if the healthcare provider makes such inquires.



Amendment Summary: Senate Health & Welfare Committee amendment 1, House Health Subcommittee amendment 1 (004188) refines definition of "healthcare provider." Allows a healthcare provider to a lethality risk assessment if healthcare provider reasonably believes that a patient may pose a credible, actual risk to themselves or others. Removes the prohibition that a healthcare provider shall not discriminate against a patient based upon the patient's exercise of the constitutional right to own and possess a firearm, firearm ammunition, or firearm accessories.

Subcommittee Amendments: HB0387_Amendment (004188).pdf

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 4, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Senate Health & Welfare Committee deferred to second calendar of 2026.

House Status: 03/26/25 - Set for House Health Committee 04/01/25. Senate Health & Welfare Committee ; House Health Committee ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63 and Title 68, relative to healthcare providers.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors: Rep. Bricken, Rush; Rep. Capley, Kip; Rep. Grills, Rusty; Rep. McCalmon, Jake; Rep. Powers, Dennis; Rep. Todd, Chris;

Position: Support


Priority:

Comment:

rows:
SB474 - J. Bowling - 03/26/25 - Senate Health & Welfare Committee deferred to second calendar of 2026.

Wed 4/2/25 11:00am - House Hearing Rm III, House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee

MEMBERS W/ EMAILS: Email All; CHAIR R. Williams (R); K. Capley (R); J. Chism (D); M. Cochran (R); J. Crawford (R); R. Gant (R); J. Gillespie (R); T. Hicks (R); G. Hicks (R); A. Parkinson (D); L. Reeves (R); J. Shaw (D); J. Zachary (R) PHONE: (615) 741-1100 ext. 44538 EMAIL: mirna.tunjic@capitol.tn.gov

9. **HB578** **CRIMINAL LAW: Offense of possessing a firearm or antique firearm during commission or attempt to commit a dangerous felony.** Adds certain criminal offenses, including first degree murder, second degree murder, and reckless homicide to the list of dangerous felonies for purposes of the offense of possessing a firearm or antique firearm during commission or attempt to commit a dangerous felony. 

Doggett C.

murder, and reckless homicide to the list of dangerous felonies for purposes of the offense of possessing a firearm or antique firearm during commission or attempt to commit a dangerous felony.

Amendment Summary: House Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (005970) expands the definition of “dangerous felony” in regard to weapons offenses, to include 15 additional criminal offenses.

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 27, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Incarceration \$117,600

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/26/25 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/02/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee ;

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

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors: Rep. Lamberth, William; Rep. Powers, Dennis;

Position: Oppose

Priority: 1 - Top-tier

Comment: The bill recklessly adds a lot of additional crimes as "dangerous" to an existing list.

For example, the bill adds “reckless homicide” TCA 39-13-215 as a “dangerous felony”. The result is that if someone “possesses” a firearm with the intent to go armed (which we believe is a standard that violates the Supreme Court decision in Bruen) at the time of the offense then the person gets as an additional crime or sentence of from 3 to 10 years in prison with no parole.

Consider, for example, the case of an individual who was convicted of reckless homicide, a Class D felony. The facts involved a car wreck in which two occupants of the other vehicle died. However, TN and federal law are clear that in Tennessee a “reckless homicide” is a nonviolent felony. Indeed, at least one Tennessee appellate court and one federal court have reached the same conclusion:

/quote/

We decline, however, to characterize reckless homicide as a crime of violence because it requires reckless conduct rather than intentional or knowing conduct. See *United States v. Portela*, 469 F.3d 496, 499 (6th Cir.2006) (holding that Tennessee’s vehicular assault statute, with the requisite mens rea of recklessness, was not a crime of violence under the United States Sentencing Guidelines). Because the defendant’s reckless homicide conviction was not a violent felony, we decline to weigh it more heavily against his credibility than other non-violent felonies.

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See, *State v. Parham*, 2010 WL 2898785, at *8 (Tenn.Crim.App.,2010)

This legislation seeks to elevate a non-violent felony conviction to a “dangerous felony” – a term that suggests at a minimum that there be some mens rea that would warrant a finding of knowing or intentional violence as opposed to recklessness.

Further, under the legislation if the individual had a firearm in their possession, e.g., a longarm for which there are few affirmative defenses under TN law, such that it qualified under the “intent to go armed” clause then a person committing a nonviolent felony which the state established was reckless but not either intentional nor knowing would be sentenced from 3 to 10 years in prison even if the normal consequence of the sentencing statutes called for no prison time at all for the underlying crime.

ROWS:

SB1082 - J. Johnson - 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

49. **HB1314** **CRIMINAL LAW: Criminal offenses for threatening to commit an act of mass violence and posting an individual's number or address.** Creates a criminal offense for threatening to commit an act of mass violence. Creates a criminal offense for posting on a publicly accessible website the telephone number or home address of an individual with the intent of causing harm or a threat of harm to the individual or a member of the individual's family or household. Part of Administration Package. 

Amendment Summary: House Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (004348) creates a Class E felony offense for knowingly, by any means of communication, threatening to commit an act of mass violence and the threat causes another to reasonably expect the commission of an act of mass violence. This classification is enhanced to a Class D felony if: (1) the violation involves a threat to commit mass violence on the property of a school, house of worship, or government, or at a live performance or event; (2) the defendant has one of more prior convictions for such offense or a Class A misdemeanor threat of mass violence on a school property; or (3) the defendant takes a substantial step towards the execution of the threatened act and engages in preparatory actions. Authorizes a sentencing court to order a person convicted of threatening to commit an act of mass violence to pay restitution, including costs and damages resulting from the disruption of the normal activity that would have otherwise occurred but for the threat to commit an act of mass violence. Creates a Class B misdemeanor offense for posting on a publicly accessible website a person's telephone number or address with the intent to threaten or cause harm. Enhances the penalty, from a Class B misdemeanor to a Class A misdemeanor, if the offense results in harm to the individual or a member of the individual's household.

Subcommittee Amendments: HB1314_Amendment (004348).pdf

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 14, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Incarceration \$822,200

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/26/25 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 04/02/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 8 and Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 3, relative to criminal offenses.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors: Rep. Cochran, Mark; Rep. McCalmon, Jake;

Position: Oppose

Priority:


Comment: Apparent caption bill.

rows:

SB1296 - J. Johnson - 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

Wed 4/2/25 11:00am - House Hearing Rm I, House Judiciary Committee

MEMBERS W/ EMAILS: Email All; CHAIR A. Farmer (R); VICE CHAIR E. Davis (R); R. Alexander (R); F. Atchley (R); G. Bulso (R); C. Doggett (R); R. Eldridge (R); J. Garrett (R); T. Harris (D); G. Johnson (D); K. Keisling (R); W. Lamberth (R); M. Littleton (R); J. Powell (D); D. Powers (R); L. Russell (R); G. Salinas (D); R. Scarbrough (R); T. Stinnett (R); C. Todd (R); J. Towns Jr. (D); R. Travis (R) PHONE: (615) 741-4419

32. **HB468** **CRIMINAL LAW: Increases penalty for reckless endangerment.** increases the penalty for reckless endangerment when the offense is committed by discharging a firearm or antique firearm into a motor vehicle from a Class E felony to a Class C felony, if the motor vehicle is occupied, or a Class D felony, if the motor vehicle is unoccupied. 

Amendment Summary: House Criminal Justice Subcommittee amendment 1 (004927) expands the offense of reckless endangerment to include discharging a firearm or antique firearm into a motor vehicle. Establishes that discharging a firearm into an occupied vehicle is a Class C felony, while discharging a firearm into an unoccupied vehicle is a Class D felony. Authorizes the offense to be prosecuted as aggravated assault, or any other criminal offense, if applicable.

Subcommittee Amendments: HB0468_Amendment (004927).pdf

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 24, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Incarceration \$84,700

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/26/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/02/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Judiciary Committee ;

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

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors: Rep. McCalmon, Jake; Rep. Powers, Dennis;


Position: Oppose

Priority:

Comment: This bill does not appear to have any reason behind the proposal of materially increasing the classification of felonies from one grade to a higher grade. This may be a bill brought to allow prosecutors to increase the risk of going to trial for a defendant merely as a means of negotiating plea bargains.

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SB163 - J. Hensley - 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

47. **HB445** **CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Revises the procedure for restoration of rights of citizenship.** Revises the procedure for restoration of rights of citizenship. 

Amendment Summary: House Criminal Justice Subcommittee amendment 1 (005985) authorizes a person, who has been convicted of an infamous crime, to have their right of suffrage reinstated without having their full rights of citizenship reinstated. Restores the right of suffrage on the effective date of this legislation to any person who forfeited the right of suffrage due only to a felony conviction prior to January 15, 1973. Establishes requirements for what a petition for restoration of rights of citizenship must contain, and authorizes the court to request any additional proof as it deems necessary to reach a decision on the petition. Specifies that the Administrative of the Courts (AOC), in consultation with the Secretary of State (SOS) and other appropriate entities, will develop the petition for restoration of citizenship rights form and an order granting restoration of citizenship rights form. Authorizes the court to restore the petitioner's right to possess a firearm, full rights of citizenship, and right of suffrage separately from one another.

Subcommittee Amendments: HB0445_Amendment (005985).pdf

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 14, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/26/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/02/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Judiciary Committee ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2; Title 4; Title 22; Title 36; Title 39 and Title 40, relative to rights of citizenship.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors: Rep. Barrett, Jody; Rep. Hardaway, G.A.; Rep. Russell, Lowell; Sen. Yager, Ken;


Position: Neutral

Priority:

Comment: Bill is very broadly written and needs to be monitored for amendments.

rows:

SB407 - T. Gardenhire - 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

48. **HB1189** **CRIMINAL LAW: Enhanced and concealed firearm carry permits.** Renames enhanced and concealed handgun carry permits as enhanced and concealed firearm carry permits and authorizes a permit holder to carry any firearms, rather than handguns, that the permit holder legally owns or possesses. Broadly captioned. 

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 21, 2025) OTHER FISCAL IMPACT The proposed legislation will require updates to the Department of Safety's A-List software system and changes in handgun permit design and implementation. It is assumed that these updates can be accomplished by the vendors under current contractual agreements without a need for additional expenditures. However, if the scope of work required by this and other legislation subsequently enacted exhausts the relevant contract provisions, the proposed legislation could result in an increase in state expenditures of \$142,600 in FY25-26.

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/26/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/02/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Judiciary Committee ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 7; Title 8; Title 10; Title 33; Title 36; Title 37; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40; Title 49; Title 50; Title 57; Title 67; Title 68 and Title 70, relative to firearms.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors: Rep. Barrett, Jody; Rep. Powers, Dennis;


Position: Support

Priority:

Comment:

rows:

SB1227 - A. Lowe - 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

50. **HJR53** **CRIMINAL LAW: Constitutional amendment - right to keep and bear arms.** Proposes an amendment to Article I, Section 26 of the Constitution of Tennessee to remove the provision that authorizes the legislature to regulate the wearing of arms with a view to prevent crime and to clarify that citizens have a right to keep and bear arms. 

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Senate Status:

House Status: 03/26/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/02/25. House Judiciary Committee ;

Caption:

AG Opinion:



Cosponsors:

Position: Support

Priority:

Comment: Constitutional Amendment - high priority

rows:

52. **HB478** **CRIMINAL LAW: Carrying of a firearm into an area where firearms are not permitted.** 
 Butler E. Specifies that a person does not commit an offense if the person possesses or carries a firearm  into an area that is posted if, upon the request of an individual authorized to control access to the property, the person immediately leaves the property or stores the firearm in a personal vehicle in accordance with state law.

Amendment Summary: House Criminal Justice Subcommittee amendment 1 (006353) revises the offense of possessing a weapon on property that is properly posted to prohibit such possession such that the offense only applies if the individual intentionally or knowingly possessed the weapon where not authorized. Creates an affirmative defense to prosecution for the offense if, upon the request of an individual authorized to control access to the property, the individual immediately leaves the property or stores the firearm in a personal vehicle in accordance with state law.

Subcommittee Amendments: HB0478_Amendment (006353).pdf

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 26, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/26/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/02/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Judiciary Committee ;

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

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors: Rep. Atchley, Fred; Rep. Barrett, Jody; Rep. Bricken, Rush; Rep. Capley, Kip; Rep. Doggett, Clay; Rep. Eldridge, Rick; Rep. Grills, Rusty; Rep. Hill, Timothy; Rep. Hulseley, Bud; Rep. Hurt, Chris; Rep. Keisling, Kelly; Rep. Martin, Brock; Rep. McCalmon, Jake; Rep. Moody, Debra; Rep. Powers, Dennis; Rep. Reedy, Jay; Rep. Reeves, Lee; Rep. Reneau, Michele; Rep. Scarbrough, Rick; Rep. Slater, William; Rep. Todd, Chris; Rep. Vital, Greg;



Position: Support

Priority:

Comment:

rows:

SB441 - P. Bailey - 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

53. **HB856** **CRIMINAL LAW: Lowers the standard for the use of deadly force to protect property.** 
 Capley K. Lowers the standard for the use of deadly force to protect property. Specifies that deadly force  does not include the display of a weapon, the brandishing of a weapon, or the use of force in circumstances that do not result in death or serious bodily injury.

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 4, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/26/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/02/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Judiciary Committee ;

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

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors: Rep. Atchley, Fred; Rep. Crawford, John; Rep. Doggett, Clay; Rep. Fritts, Monty; Rep. Garrett, Johnny ; Rep. Grills, Rusty; Rep. Martin, Brock; Rep. McCalmon, Jake; Rep. Moody, Debra; Rep. Powers, Dennis; Rep. Reeves, Lee; Rep. Rudd, Tim ; Rep. Stinnett, Tom; Rep. Todd, Chris; Rep. Vital, Greg; Rep. Zachary, Jason;

Position: Support

Priority:

Comment:

rows:

SB1407 - J. Hensley - 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

54. **HB601** **CRIMINAL LAW: Request for post-conviction relief.** Establishes a procedure through which a district attorney general or person convicted of a criminal offense may, at any time, request post-conviction relief by filing a verified petition alleging actual innocence based on new evidence that was not known by the judge or jury at the time of conviction, including scientific and non-scientific evidence. Specifies that the clerk shall not charge a fee for the filing of such petition. Requires the petition to include allegations of fact supporting each claim for relief and requires the petition and any amended petition to be verified under oath.



Amendment Summary: Senate Judiciary Committee amendment 1 (005629) authorizes a District Attorney General or a person convicted of a criminal offense to file a petition for post-conviction relief (PCR) at any time alleging actual innocence based on new evidence, if a petition has not been previously filed and determined based on the same evidence. Prohibits the court clerk from charging a fee for the filing of the petition. Requires the court to schedule the matter for a hearing if the court determines the petitioner has a valid claim. Authorizes a petitioner to seek relief irrespective of whether guilt was determined following a jury trial, plea of guilty, plea of best interest, or plea of no contest. Requires the court to vacate the petitioner's conviction and order a new trial if the new evidence establishes the petitioner's innocence. Requires the clerk to mail a copy of the petition of relief to the office that is representing the state once received. House Criminal Justice Subcommittee amendment 1 (006334) expands writ of error coram nobis to include cases in which the defendant entered a guilty, best interest, or no contest plea.

Subcommittee Amendments: HB0601_Amendment (006334).pdf

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 1, 2025) OTHER FISCAL IMPACT To the extent a hearing is held and a defendants conviction is vacated, there will be a reduction in state incarceration expenditures. The timing and amount of any sentence reduction is unknown and unable to be determined with reasonable certainty. Any increase in expenditures to General Fund or the Indigent Defense Fund is dependent upon multiple unknown factors and cannot be reasonably quantified.

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/26/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/02/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Judiciary Committee ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, relative to post-conviction relief.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors: Rep. Hardaway, G.A.;


Position:

Priority:

Comment:

rows:

SB256 - T. Gardenhire - 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

57. **HB947** **CRIMINAL LAW: Akilah's Law.** Enacts "Akilah's Law," which creates the offense of selling, offering to sell, delivering, or transferring a firearm to a person knowing the person has been a patient in a mental institution at any time within the previous five years. 

Brooks S.

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 12, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/26/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/02/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Judiciary Committee ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33 and Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to firearms.

AG Opinion:


Cosponsors: Rep. Behn, Aftyn; Rep. Camper, Karen; Rep. Chism, Jesse; Rep. Clemmons, John; Rep. Dixie, Vincent; Rep. Freeman, Bob; Rep. Glynn, Ronnie; Rep. Hakeem, Yusuf; Rep. Hardaway, G.A.; Rep. Harris, Torrey; Rep. Hemmer, Caleb; Rep. Johnson, Gloria; Rep. Jones, Justin; Rep. Love Jr., Harold; Rep. McKenzie, Sam; Rep. Miller, Larry; Rep. Mitchell, Bo; Rep. Parkinson, Antonio; Rep. Pearson, Justin; Rep. Powell, Jason; Rep. Salinas, Gabby; Rep. Shaw, Johnny; Rep. Towns Jr., Joe;

Position: Oppose

Priority:

Comment: Proposal violates 2nd Amendment as applied by Bruen, Heller and McDonald.

rows:
SB1191 - R. Akbari - 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

63. **HB625** **HEALTH CARE: Mental health evaluations for persons charged with certain criminal offenses.** Establishes a rebuttable presumption that a person poses an immediate substantial likelihood of serious harm and needs emergency detention if the person is charged with a crime that would require the defendant to serve at least 85% of the sentence before becoming eligible for release from incarceration and ordered by the criminal, circuit, or general sessions court to undergo an evaluation to determine if the person is incompetent to stand trial. 

Hardaway G.

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 17, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES General Fund FY26-27 & Subsequent Years >\$797,900

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/26/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/02/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Judiciary Committee ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33; Title 40 and Title 52, relative to mental health evaluations.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Position: Oppose


Priority:

Comment: As a general rule, TFA opposes proposals to create rebuttable presumptions that operate against the rights of individuals who have been accused but not convicted of a criminal offense.

rows:
SB662 - R. Akbari - 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

Wed 4/2/25 1:30pm - Special Calendar - House Hearing Rm II, House Civil Justice Subcommittee

MEMBERS W/ EMAILS: Email All; CHAIR L. Russell (R); E. Davis (R); A. Farmer (R); J. Garrett (R); G. Johnson (D); T. Stinnett (R); C. Todd (R); R. Travis (R) PHONE: (615) 741-1100 ext. 44198

1. **HB596** **CRIMINAL LAW: Tennessee Voluntary Do Not Sell Firearms Act.** Enacts the "Tennessee Voluntary Do Not Sell Firearms Act," which permits a person to voluntarily waive their firearm rights through filing a waiver with the clerk of the circuit court in the county of the person's residence. Specifies procedures the clerk, TBI, and department of safety must follow upon receipt of a waiver. 
- Freeman
B.

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 21, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENTEXPENDITURES General FundFY25-26 \$50,000

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/26/25 - Set for House Civil Justice Subcommittee 04/02/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Civil Justice Subcommittee ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3; Section 10-7-504 and Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to the "Tennessee Voluntary Do Not Sell Firearms Act."

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors: Rep. Behn, Aftyn;


Position: Oppose

Priority:

Comment:

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SB642 - H. Campbell - 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

2. **HB1231** **CRIMINAL LAW: Regulating the manner of firearm and ammunition storage in certain municipalities.** Permits the largest municipality in Shelby, Davidson, Knox, or Hamilton county to regulate the manner of storage of firearms, firearm ammunition, and firearm accessories by ordinance, resolution, policy, rule, or other enactment. 
- Miller L.

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 20, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/26/25 - Set for House Civil Justice Subcommittee 04/02/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Civil Justice Subcommittee ;

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

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Position: Oppose

Priority:

Comment: Proposal violates 2nd Amendment as applied by Bruen, Heller and McDonald.

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SB1176 - R. Akbari - 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

- 3. **HB1390** **CRIMINAL LAW: Issuance of an extreme risk protection order.** Allows a court to issue an extreme risk protection order upon a finding by clear and convincing evidence that a person poses a significant danger of causing personal injury to the person or others if allowed to possess or purchase a firearm. Authorizes a law enforcement officer or relative to file a petition for an extreme risk protection order. Provides that a petition does not require either party to be represented by an attorney. Outlines requirements for a petition. Creates an offense to store or keep a firearm in any place unless the firearm is secured in a locked container, unloaded, and separate from ammunition except when the firearm is carried by or under the control of the owner or other lawfully authorized user. Prohibits a gun dealer from delivering a firearm to a purchaser until 15 business days after the completion of certain requirements. (21 pp).

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 21, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Incarceration \$390,100 LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES Mandatory FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$275,200 Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/26/25 - Set for House Civil Justice Subcommittee 04/02/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Civil Justice Subcommittee ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33; Title 38 and Title 39, Chapter 17, relative to firearms.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Position: Oppose

Priority:

Comment: Red Flag Law. Proposal violates 2nd Amendment as applied by Bruen, Heller and McDonald.

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SB1350 - R. Akbari - 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

- 4. **HB948** **FAMILY LAW: Firearm dispossession - person convicted of domestic assault.** Requires a person who is convicted of domestic assault or subject to an order of protection to dispossess any firearm in the person's possession by transferring the firearm to a law enforcement agency and to provide the court with an affidavit of dispossession of firearms and a receipt from the law enforcement agency.

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 22, 2025) OTHER FISCAL IMPACT The proposed legislation will result in a significant increase in local expenditures in FY25-26 and subsequent years related to law enforcement agencies being required to take custody of and store several thousand additional firearms each year. Due to multiple unknown variables, a precise estimate of such increases cannot be determined.

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/26/25 - Set for House Civil Justice Subcommittee 04/02/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Civil Justice Subcommittee ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36; Title 39 and Title 40, relative to firearms dispossession.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors: Rep. Clemmons, John; Rep. Dixie, Vincent; Rep. Freeman, Bob; Rep. Glynn, Ronnie; Rep. Hakeem, Yusuf; Rep. Hardaway, G.A.; Rep. Harris, Torrey; Rep. Love Jr., Harold; Rep. Miller, Larry; Rep. Pearson, Justin; Rep. Powell, Jason; Rep. Shaw, Johnny;

Position: Oppose

Priority:

Comment:

rows:

SB1184 - R. Akbari - 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

MEMBERS W/ EMAILS: Email All; CHAIR L. Russell (R); E. Davis (R); A. Farmer (R); J. Garrett (R); G. Johnson (D); T. Stinnett (R); C. Todd (R); R. Travis (R) PHONE: (615) 741-1100 ext. 44198

1. **HB873** **JUDICIARY: Civil actions against arms dealers, manufacturers, and sellers.** Removes the ability to bring a civil liability action for negligence per se against a seller of a qualified product. Expands "qualified products" to include knives, body armor, pepper spray, silencers, tasers, stun guns, and other certain products. Requires physical injury for a negligent entrustment action rather than an unreasonable risk of physical injury. Specifies that a person who will be subject to an ordinance in the future or reasonably intends to be physically present in the political subdivision is an adversely affected party for purposes of filing certain actions. Makes various other changes regarding civil actions against arms dealers, manufacturers, and sellers and the preemption of local regulation of firearms. Broadly captioned.

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments: HB0873_Amendment (004178).pdf

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 23, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/26/25 - Set for House Civil Justice Subcommittee 04/02/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Civil Justice Subcommittee ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29, Chapter 42 and Title 39, relative to weapons.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors: Rep. Barrett, Jody; Rep. Powers, Dennis; Rep. Reedy, Jay; Rep. Stinnett, Tom;

Position: Support

Priority:

Comment:

rows:
SB1360 - J. Hensley - 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

2. **HB1210** **FAMILY LAW: Respondent who transfers a firearm to a third party.** Requires, if the respondent on an order of protection dispossesses firearms by transferring possession to a third party who is not prohibited from possessing firearms, the respondent to specify the third party and the physical address where all firearms are located on the affidavit of firearms dispossession form. Requires the third party to sign the affidavit of firearms dispossession form to acknowledge receipt of the firearms.

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments: HB1210_Amendment (005302).pdf

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 6, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/26/25 - Set for House Civil Justice Subcommittee 04/02/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Civil Justice Subcommittee ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 3, Part 6, relative to domestic violence.

AG Opinion:


Cosponsors:

Position: Oppose

Priority:

Comment: This legislation is a step toward creating a database of transfers of firearms to specific individuals and storage locations. It is not even clear whether the legislation protects that information from open records requests.

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SB1244 - B. Massey - 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

3. **HB554** **CRIMINAL LAW: Tennessee Firearms Freedom Act.** Creates a civil action against any person or government entity that infringes upon a person's right to bear arms under the Tennessee or United States Constitutions. Specifies that the person or entity is liable for actual or statutory damages, punitive damages, attorney's fees, and court costs. 

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated February 1, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.

House Status: 03/26/25 - Set for House Civil Justice Subcommittee 04/02/25. Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Civil Justice Subcommittee ;

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

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors: Rep. Powers, Dennis; Rep. Todd, Chris;

Position: Support

Priority:

Comment:

rows:

SB819 - K. Roberts - 03/26/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 03/31/25.