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Bill Status Report

Tennessee Firearms Association Bill Status Report - Bills that have passed 4-18-25

SB206/HB646 **ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Use of certain colors while hunting.**



Sen. Massey, Becky
Rep. Carringer, Michele

Summary: Authorizes persons big game hunting to substitute daylight fluorescent pink for fluorescent orange. Requires the color to be at least 500 square inches and visible from the front and back.

Amendment

Summary:

Subcommittee

Amendments:

Fiscal Note: (Dated January 24, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status: 04/09/25 - Signed by Senate speaker.

House Status: 04/10/25 - Signed by House speaker.

Executive Status: 04/11/25 - Sent to governor.

Public Chapter:

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 70, relative to the use of certain colors while hunting.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors: Rep. Jones, Renea; Rep. Lamberth, William; Rep. Reedy, Jay; Sen. Reeves, Shane; Rep. Todd, Chris; Rep. Vital, Greg;

Position: Oppose

Priority:

Comment: Appears to be a caption bill.

SB256/HB601 **CRIMINAL LAW: Request for post-conviction relief.**



Sen. Gardenhire, Todd
Rep. Freeman, Bob

Summary: 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 House 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.

Summary:

Subcommittee HB0601_Amendment (006334).pdf

Amendments:

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: 04/10/25 - Senate passed.

House Status: 04/07/25 - House passed with amendment 1 (006334).

Executive Status: 04/10/25 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

Public Chapter:

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

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors: Sen. Akbari, Raumesh; Sen. Bowling, Janice; Sen. Campbell, Heidi; Rep. Doggett, Clay; Rep. Farmer, Andrew; Rep. Hardaway, G.A.; Rep. Harris, Torrey; Rep. Hulsey, Bud; Rep. Love Jr., Harold; Rep. Parkinson, Antonio; Sen. Rose, Paul; Rep. Towns Jr., Joe; Sen. Yarbrow, Jeff;

Position:

Priority:

Comment:

SB407/HB445 **CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Revises the procedure for restoration of rights of citizenship.**



Sen. Gardenhire, Todd
Rep. Hulsey, Bud

Summary: Revises the procedure for restoration of rights of citizenship.

Amendment

Summary: Senate amendment 1 (005985) makes the following changes and additions to this bill and present law concerning restoration of rights of citizenship: (1) Removes fines from the definition of court costs for purposes of determining the costs that a person convicted of an infamous crime on or after September 1, 2010, must have paid to be eligible for restoration of the right of suffrage; (2) Clarifies that the court clerk, not the court, is responsible for notifying prosecutors and others concerning the filing of a petition for restoration of citizenship rights; (3) Clarifies that only prosecuting attorneys, not the coordinator of elections, have standing to object to a petition, and adds that, if no prosecutor objects to a petition within 30 days of receipt of notice, then the court may rule on the petition without a hearing; (4) Requires that a court must find a petitioner to be indigent before waiving court costs associated with the petition; and (5) Requires the administrative office of the courts ("AOC"), in consultation with the secretary of state and other entities as deemed appropriate by the AOC, to develop a petition for restoration of citizenship rights form and an order granting restoration of citizenship rights form and to make the petition and order forms available to the clerks of court, the department of correction, the board of parole, the department of human services, and online for use by the public.

Subcommittee HB0445_Amendment (005985).pdf

Amendments:

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

Senate Status: 04/14/25 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (005985).

House Status: 04/15/25 - House passed.

Executive Status: 04/15/25 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

*Public Chapter:**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. Butler, Ed; Rep. Fritts, Monty; Rep. Grills, Rusty; Rep. Hardaway, G.A.; Rep. Howell, Dan; Sen. Jackson, Ed; Rep. Kumar, Sabi; Rep. Leatherwood, Tom; Rep. Parkinson, Antonio; Rep. Reedy, Jay; Rep. Russell, Lowell; Sen. Yager, Ken;

Position:

Neutral

*Priority:**Comment:*

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

SB1038/HB1060 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Fees for hunting and fishing licenses.

Sen. Bowling, Janice

Rep. Howell, Dan

Summary:

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:

04/14/25 - Senate passed.

House Status:

04/03/25 - House passed.

Executive Status:

04/14/25 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

*Public Chapter:**Caption:*

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

*AG Opinion:**Cosponsors:*

Sen. Hatcher, Tom; Rep. Todd, Chris;

*Position:**Priority:**Comment:***SB1140/HB918 ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Issuance of temporary hunting licenses for disabled veterans.**

Sen. Crowe, Rusty

Rep. Slater, William

Summary:

Requires issuance of temporary hunting licenses, of up to seven-days duration and at no cost, to disabled veterans participating in hunting experiences sponsored and paid for by not-for-profit organizations. Broadly captioned.

*Amendment**Summary:*

Senate amendment 1 (005237) adds that the executive director of the wildlife resources agency, or the executive director's designee, must, upon request, issue a temporary group hunting event permit to a not-for-profit organization that sponsors and pays for a hunting experience at no cost to a veteran with any percentage of service-connected disability. Provides that such a temporary group hunting event permit must be for a duration that is no longer than the duration of the hunting experience for which the permit is issued, but in no event may the permit be valid for more than seven days. Such hunting experience must comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and proclamations. Requires participants to provide all information necessary to obtain an individual hunting license in connection with a temporary group hunting event permit, and none of the cost for the permit must be borne by the disabled veteran participant. Requires the executive director, or the executive director's designee, to accept as evidence of service-connected disability a certification from the veterans' administration. Provides that in order to account for lost federal funding to the agency and to comply with present law, the executive director, or the executive director's designee, may collect all pertinent and relevant information to certify the unique individuals taking part in the hunting experience under a temporary group hunting event permit. Authorizes the Tennessee fish and wildlife commission to promulgate rules necessary to effectuate this amendment.

Subcommittee

HB0918_Amendment (004918).pdf

Amendments:

HB0918_Amendment (005237).pdf

Fiscal Note:

(Dated February 27, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status:

04/07/25 - Signed by Senate speaker.

House Status:

04/07/25 - Signed by House speaker.

Executive Status:

04/15/25 - Signed by governor.

*Public Chapter:**Caption:*

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 58 and Title 70, relative to hunting licenses for disabled veterans participating in hunts sponsored by not-for-profit organizations.

*AG Opinion:**Cosponsors:*

Rep. Barrett, Jody; Sen. Bowling, Janice; Rep. Cepicky, Scott; Rep. Crawford, John; Rep. Eldridge, Rick; Rep. Fritts, Monty; Rep. Hawk, David; Rep. Hemmer, Caleb; Rep. Howell, Dan; Rep. Lafferty, Justin; Sen. Lowe, Adam; Rep. Martin, Brock; Rep. Moon, Jerome; Rep. Reedy, Jay; Rep. Reneau, Michele; Sen. Rose, Paul; Sen. Southerland, Steve; Rep. Todd, Chris;

*Position:**Priority:**Comment:***SB1318/HB1332 CRIMINAL LAW: Department of correction notice requirements - valid judgement of conviction.**

Sen. Johnson, Jack

Rep. Lamberth, William

Summary:

Increases, from within 90 days to within 100 days of receipt by the department of a valid judgment of conviction, the time period within which the department must notify the victim witness coordinator of the county of conviction of the currently scheduled parole hearing date when the inmate will be eligible for parole consideration. Broadly captioned. Part of Administration Package.

*Amendment**Summary:*

House amendment 1 (004362) rewrites this bill. One of the present law eligibility requirements for issuance of an enhanced handgun carry permit is that the applicant for a permit has not been convicted of DUI two or more times within 10 years from the date of the application and that none of the convictions has occurred within five years from the date of application or renewal. This amendment clarifies that an applicant who has a DUI conviction that occurred within five years from the date of application or renewal is not eligible for a permit; and (2) Subject to certain exceptions for persons who have military service, present law requires that an applicant for an enhanced handgun carry permit be at least 21 years of age. This amendment lowers the age requirement to 18; provided, that the applicant meets all other eligibility requirements for issuance of the permit.

Subcommittee

HB1332_Amendment (004362).pdf

*Amendments:**Fiscal Note:*

(Dated February 6, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status:

04/15/25 - Senate passed.

House Status:

04/14/25 - House passed with amendment 1 (004362).

Executive Status:

04/15/25 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

Public Chapter:

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

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors: Sen. Bailey, Paul; Sen. Bowling, Janice; Rep. Cochran, Mark; Rep. Davis, Elaine; Rep. Grills, Rusty; Sen. Stevens, John; Rep. Todd, Chris;

Position: Oppose

Priority:

Comment: Oppose -- This was a caption bill was amended to change eligibility requirements for the enhanced handgun permit. One change is to drop the age of eligibility from 21 to 18 but only for the enhanced permit. It does not drop the age for those with concealed only permits or for those who rely on the permitless carry defense.

The treatment of enhanced permit holders differently from those seeking concealed only or permitless carry likely violates the state's settlement terms in the Beeler case in federal court. It also likely creates a knowing and intentional violation of the 2nd Amendment, the 14th Amendment and the Federal Civil Rights Act.

SB1360/HB873 **JUDICIARY: Civil actions against arms dealers, manufacturers, and sellers.**



Sen. Hensley, Joey

Rep. Fritts, Monty

Summary: 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: Senate amendment 1 (004178) corrects a typographical error.

Subcommittee Amendments: HB0873_Amendment (004178).pdf

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

Senate Status: 04/15/25 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (004178), which corrects a typographical error.

House Status: 04/15/25 - House passed.

Executive Status: 04/15/25 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

Public Chapter:

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

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors: Sen. Bailey, Paul; Rep. Barrett, Jody; Sen. Bowling, Janice; Rep. Boyd, Clark; Rep. Burkhart, Jeff; Rep. Butler, Ed; Rep. Capley, Kip; Rep. Davis, Elaine; Rep. Doggett, Clay; Rep. Eldridge, Rick; Rep. Garrett, Johnny; Rep. Grills, Rusty; Rep. Hawk, David; Rep. Jones, Renea; Rep. Lamberth, William; Sen. Lowe, Adam; Rep. Martin, Brock; Rep. McCalmon, Jake; Rep. Moon, Jerome; Rep. Powers, Dennis; Rep. Raper, Kevin; Rep. Reedy, Jay; Rep. Scarbrough, Rick; Sen. Stevens, John; Rep. Stinnett, Tom; Rep. Terry, Bryan; Rep. Todd, Chris; Rep. Warner, Todd; Sen. Watson, Bo;

Position: Support

Priority:

Comment: This legislation is a technical adjustments to TN's existing PLCAA (Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act) which would prohibit claims against manufacturers that result in judgments in other states from being enforced against manufacturer's assets in Tennessee.

SB1384/HB683 **PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Creates the enhanced armed guard certificate.**



Sen. Watson, Bo

Rep. Lamberth, William

Summary: 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 amendment 1 (004376) changes references of "enhanced armed guard certification" to "enhanced armed guard registration" throughout the bill. Revises present law provision exempting certain persons and entities from application of the "Private Protective Services Licensing and Regulatory Act" to, instead, only exempt such person and entities from the requirements of obtaining a license or registration under such Act. Changes the provisions authorizing an enhanced armed guard to carry a rifle caliber weapon under the bill to, instead, carry a rifle or shotgun. Defines "rifle" as any firearm designed, made or adapted to be fired from the shoulder and to use the energy of the explosive in a fixed metallic cartridge to fire a projectile through a rifled bore by a single function of the trigger. Defines "shotgun" as any firearm designed, made or adapted to be fired from the shoulder and to use the energy of the explosive in a fixed shotgun shell to fire through a smooth-bore barrel either a number of ball shot or a single projectile by a single function of the trigger. Revises the provision requiring an applicant, to be eligible for registration enhancement, to submit to and pass a criminal background check to, instead, submit to, with results submitted to the commissioner of commerce and insurance, a fingerprint-based criminal history record check to be conducted by the Tennessee bureau of investigation and then a fingerprint-based national criminal history record check to be completed by the federal bureau of investigation. Removes the requirement that the enhanced armed guard training course be developed by the commissioner of commerce and insurance and only requires it be approved by the commissioner. Revises the renewal requirements for an enhanced armed guard registration enhancement to, instead, require such guard to (i) pay an annual renewal fee, as set by the commissioner of commerce and insurance; (ii) submit to a criminal background check, with results submitted to the commissioner; and (iii) successfully complete an annual requalification course, approved by the commissioner, that is a minimum of eight hours in duration, of which no less than six hours consist of rifle and shotgun training and qualification on a weapon range. House amendment 2 (005468) removes the provision limiting the exemptions only to requirements to obtain a license or registration under the "Private Protective Services Licensing and Regulatory Act" instead of applying to the entire act. Adds a provision prohibiting a person from carrying 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: 04/16/25 - Senate passed.

House Status: 03/31/25 - House passed with amendment 1 (004376) and amendment 2 (005468).

Executive Status: 04/16/25 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

Public Chapter:

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. Davis, Elaine; Rep. McCalmon, Jake; Rep. Powers, Dennis;

Position:

Priority:

Comment: