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Calendar Report - Week of April 7

Mon 4/7/25 11:00am - House Hearing Rm I, House Government Operations Committee

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13. **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. 
- Grills R.
- 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:** 04/03/25 - Set for House State & Local Government Committee Consent 04/08/25.
- Executive Status:** House State & Local Government Committee Consent ;
- 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.

- 20. **HB938** **ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Creates a bait privilege license to allow hunting with bait.** ●●●●●○
 Capley K. Creates a bait privilege license to allow hunting or taking of whitetail deer and wild-appearing swine using bait on privately owned or privately leased land. ●●●●●○

Amendment Summary: House Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee amendment 1 (004641) permits hunting of whitetail deer with bait on private land with a bait privilege license. Requires all hunters, including those normally exempt, to obtain this license. Establishes a deer baiting license with fees set at \$50 for residents and \$100 for non-residents, while granting the Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) the authority to adjust these fees as needed. Requires the Commission to promulgate rules by August 1, 2026, specifying acceptable bait types, permitted quantities, and conditions for license use. Grants the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) authority to suspend baiting privileges to prevent disease spread.

Subcommittee Amendments: HB0938_Amendment (004641).pdf

Fiscal Note: (Dated March 14, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE Wildlife Fund FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$6,511,300 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES FY25-26 & Subsequent Years \$438,500

Senate Status: 03/19/25 - Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee recommended with amendment 1 (004641). Sent to Senate Finance.

House Status: 04/02/25 - Set for House Government Operations Committee 04/07/25.

Executive Status: Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee ; House Government Operations Committee ;

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70, relative to hunting with bait.

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Position:

Priority:

Comment:

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 SB869 - J. Hensley - 03/19/25 - Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee recommended with amendment 1 (004641). Sent to Senate Finance.
- 21. **HB175** **ENVIRONMENT & NATURE: Use of drones to locate and retrieve deer that have been wounded by hunters.** ●●●●●○
 Darby T. 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: 04/02/25 - Set for House Government Operations Committee 04/07/25.

Executive Status: Senate Calendar Committee ; House Government Operations 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?

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

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- 3. **HB445 CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Revises the procedure for restoration of rights of citizenship.** 
 Hulsey B. 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: 04/02/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

House Status: 04/03/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

Executive Status: 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.

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SB407 - T. Gardenhire - 04/02/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

- 20. **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. 
 Reeves L. 

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: 04/02/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

House Status: 04/03/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

Executive Status: 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 - 04/02/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

35. **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: 04/02/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

House Status: 04/03/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

Executive Status: 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: NOTE: This legislation would convert TN's handgun permit to a firearms permit. The effect is it would allow the transport of loaded rifles/shotguns. Currently, it's a crime to carry a loaded longarm in Tennessee - even on your own property or while hunting. Those activities are classified as "defenses" to the crime which means that if an officer observes the activity the officer can stop, detain, question, take possession of the weapon, issue a citation and/or arrest the individual. The burden is on the individual to raise the defenses but that is a "trial" issue and not something that the officer has to consider.

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SB1227 - A. Lowe - 04/02/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

36. **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: 04/03/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

Executive Status: House Judiciary Committee ;

Caption:

AG Opinion:


Cosponsors:

Position: Support

Priority: 1 - Top-tier

Comment: Tennessee's constitutional clause relative to firearms was enacted in 1870 and contains a provision, based on "Jim Crow" theories, that the legislature has the authority to regulate the wearing of arms with a view to prevent crime. It is an open door for any regulation at all. As a result of the Supreme Court's 2010 decision in McDonald v. City of Chicago, the TN constitution's grant of legislative authority is unconstitutional because it violates the 2nd and 14th Amendments. HJR53 would amend the state constitution to protect the right to keep, bear and wear arms by removing the clause that portends to allow regulation by the legislature as long as it has a crime prevention purpose.

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37. **HB856** **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. 

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

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

Senate Status: 04/02/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

House Status: 04/03/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

Executive Status: 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. Reneau, Michele; Rep. Rudd, Tim ; Rep. Stinnett, Tom; Rep. Todd, Chris; Rep. Vital, Greg; Rep. Zachary, Jason;


Position: Support

Priority: 1 - Top-tier

Comment: Tennessee law presently prohibits the use of deadly force, including brandishing a weapon, to protect real property or personal property from looters, thieves, robbers and/or trespassers. This was a reported problem several years ago in the Nashville riots and was more recently a problem to the hurricane victims in East TN. This law would allow the use of force to protect real and personal property, including the brandishment of a weapon.

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SB1407 - J. Hensley - 04/02/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

39. **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. 

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

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

Senate Status: 04/02/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

House Status: 04/03/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

Executive Status: 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.

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SB1191 - R. Akbari - 04/02/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

44. **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. .



Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

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

Senate Status: 04/02/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

House Status: 04/03/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

Executive Status: 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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SB662 - R. Akbari - 04/02/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

46. **HB873**
Fritts M.

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: House Civil Justice Committee amendment 1 (004178) makes various revisions to certain definitions, legal liabilities, burdens of proof, processes, and rights of action as they pertain to qualified civil liability actions brought against a manufacturer or seller of firearms and other weapons, to the effect of broadening and reinforcing certain legal immunities such manufacturers and sellers are provided against liability actions related to the use of their products. Restricts the applicability of foreign judgements in such actions in this state under public nuisance or market share theories of liability by requiring they do not violate the relevant policies of this state, and that they otherwise would be allowable under the laws of this state. Increases restrictions on local governments to regulate and enforce certain laws and policies related to firearms and ammunition and their use, including limiting such regulations to only those established by ordinance or resolution, rather than also such regulations enacted by policy or rule, and to only those established or authorized by state law, rather than state or federal law. Elevates state law supremacy in qualified civil liability actions against manufacturers and sellers of firearms and other weapons, and in the regulation of firearms, weapons, and weapons products, generally.

Subcommittee Amendments: HB0873_Amendment (004178).pdf

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

Senate Status: 04/02/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

House Status: 04/03/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

Executive Status: Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Judiciary Committee ;

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: 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.

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SB1360 - J. Hensley - 04/02/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

60. **HB1027** **CRIMINAL LAW: Information provided by sheriff to DOS regarding application for an enhanced handgun carry permit.**

Russell L. Increases, from 30 to 45, the number of days a sheriff has to provide the department of safety with any information that is within the knowledge of the sheriff concerning an applicant's truthfulness on an application for an enhanced handgun carry permit. Broadly captioned. 

Amendment Summary: Senate Judiciary Committee amendment 1, House Criminal Justice Subcommittee amendment 1 (005472) enacts the Tennessee Violent Incident Clearance and Technological Investigative Methods Support (TN-VICTIMS) Act. Requires the Department of Finance and Administration's (F&A) Office of Criminal Justice Programs (OCJP) to, in consultation with the Tennessee Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Commission, the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy (TLETA), and the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) develop a grant program to improve law enforcement strategies and initiatives aimed at increasing violent crime clearance rates and engagement and support for victims of violent crime. Requires law enforcement agencies that receive grant funding under the program to report to OCJP annually on activities carried out using those funds during the preceding fiscal year. Repeals on July 1, 2031.

Subcommittee Amendments: HB1027_Amendment (005472).pdf

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

Senate Status: 03/25/25 - Senate Judiciary Committee recommended with amendment 1 (005472). Sent to Senate Finance.

House Status: 04/03/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

Executive Status: Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee ; House Judiciary Committee ;

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

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Position: Oppose

Priority:

Comment: Appears to be a caption bill.


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SB222 - E. Jackson - 03/25/25 - Senate Judiciary Committee recommended with amendment 1 (005472). Sent to Senate Finance.

Tue 4/8/25 9:00am - Senate Hearing Rm I, Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee

MEMBERS W/ EMAILS: Email All; CHAIR B. Watson (R); VICE CHAIR J. Stevens (R); 2ND VICE CHAIR J. Hensley (R); F. Haile (R); J. Johnson (R); L. Lamar (D); B. Powers (R); P. Rose (R); P. Walley (R); K. Yager (R); J. Yarbro (D) PHONE: 615-741-3227 EMAIL: john.kerr@capitol.tn.gov

20. **SJR28** **CRIMINAL LAW: Expresses support for the Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of the 119th U.S. Congress.**

Lowe A. Expresses support for the Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of the 119th U.S. Congress. 

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

Fiscal Note:

Senate Status: 04/02/25 - Set for Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/08/25.

House Status:

Executive Status: Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee ;

Caption:

AG Opinion:

Cosponsors:

Position: Oppose



Priority:

Comment: Proposal violates 10th Amendment

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Tue 4/8/25 12:30pm - House Hearing Rm I, House Finance, Ways & Means Committee

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- 13. **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: Senate Judiciary Committee amendment 1, 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: 04/01/25 - Senate Judiciary Committee recommended with amendment 1 (004348). Sent to Senate Finance.

House Status: 04/02/25 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Committee 04/08/25.

Executive Status: Senate Calendar Committee ; House Finance, Ways & Means Committee ;

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; Sen. Haile, Ferrell; Rep. McCalmon, Jake;

Position: Oppose

Priority:


Comment: Apparent caption bill.

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SB1296 - J. Johnson - 04/01/25 - Senate Judiciary Committee recommended with amendment 1 (004348). Sent to Senate Finance.

Tue 4/8/25 1:00pm - Senate Hearing Rm I, Senate Judiciary Committee

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1. **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: 04/02/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

House Status: 03/26/25 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget.

Executive Status: 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.

2. **SB1082** **CRIMINAL LAW: Offense of possessing a firearm or antique firearm during commission or attempt to commit a**

Johnson J. **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. 

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: 04/02/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

House Status: 04/02/25 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget.

Executive Status: Senate Judiciary Committee ;

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 ho 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.

//endquote//

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 - 04/02/25 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget.

4. **SB1384** **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 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: 04/02/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

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

Executive Status: Senate Judiciary Committee ;

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:

rows:

HB683 - W. Lamberth - 03/31/25 - House passed with amendment 1 (004376) and amendment 2 (005468).

5. **SB1244** **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: 04/02/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

House Status: 04/02/25 - House Civil Justice Subcommittee deferred to first calendar of 2026.

Executive Status: 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: Rep. Davis, Elaine;


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.

rows:

HB1210 - K. Keisling - 04/02/25 - House Civil Justice Subcommittee deferred to first calendar of 2026.

6. **SB163** **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: 04/02/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

House Status: 04/03/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

Executive Status: 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.

rows:

HB468 - L. Reeves - 04/03/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

8. **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.
- Amendment Summary:** House Civil Justice Committee amendment 1 (004178) makes various revisions to certain definitions, legal liabilities, burdens of proof, processes, and rights of action as they pertain to qualified civil liability actions brought against a manufacturer or seller of firearms and other weapons, to the effect of broadening and reinforcing certain legal immunities such manufacturers and sellers are provided against liability actions related to the use of their products. Restricts the applicability of foreign judgements in such actions in this state under public nuisance or market share theories of liability by requiring they do not violate the relevant policies of this state, and that they otherwise would be allowable under the laws of this state. Increases restrictions on local governments to regulate and enforce certain laws and policies related to firearms and ammunition and their use, including limiting such regulations to only those established by ordinance or resolution, rather than also such regulations enacted by policy or rule, and to only those established or authorized by state law, rather than state or federal law. Elevates state law supremacy in qualified civil liability actions against manufacturers and sellers of firearms and other weapons, and in the regulation of firearms, weapons, and weapons products, generally.
- Subcommittee Amendments:** HB0873_Amendment (004178).pdf
- Fiscal Note:** (Dated March 23, 2025) NOT SIGNIFICANT
- Senate Status:** 04/02/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.
- House Status:** 04/03/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.
- Executive Status:** Senate Judiciary Committee ; House Judiciary Committee ;
- 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:** 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.
- rows:**
HB873 - M. Fritts - 04/03/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

9. **SB1407** **CRIMINAL LAW: Lowers the standard for the use of deadly force to protect property.** Lowers 
 Hensley J. 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: 04/02/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

House Status: 04/03/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

Executive Status: 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. Reneau, Michele; Rep. Rudd, Tim ; Rep. Stinnett, Tom; Rep. Todd, Chris; Rep. Vital, Greg; Rep. Zachary, Jason;


Position: Support

Priority: 1 - Top-tier

Comment: Tennessee law presently prohibits the use of deadly force, including brandishing a weapon, to protect real property or personal property from looters, thieves, robbers and/or trespassers. This was a reported problem several years ago in the Nashville riots and was more recently a problem to the hurricane victims in East TN. This law would allow the use of force to protect real and personal property, including the brandishment of a weapon.

rows:

HB856 - K. Capley - 04/03/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

10. **SB1227** **CRIMINAL LAW: Enhanced and concealed firearm carry permits.** Renames enhanced and 
 Lowe A. 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: 04/02/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

House Status: 04/03/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

Executive Status: 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: NOTE: This legislation would convert TN's handgun permit to a firearms permit. The effect is it would allow the transport of loaded rifles/shotguns. Currently, its a crime to carry a loaded longarm in Tennessee - even on your own property or while hunting. Those activities are classified as "defenses" to the crime which means that if an officer observes the activity the officer can stop, detain, question, take possession of the weapon, issue a citation and/or arrest the individual. The burden is on the individual to raise the defenses but that is a "trial" issue and not something that the officer has to consider.

rows:

HB1189 - R. Grills - 04/03/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

- 11. **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: 04/02/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

House Status: 04/02/25 - Taken off notice in House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

Executive Status: 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.

rows:

HB1231 - L. Miller - 04/02/25 - Taken off notice in House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

- 12. **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: 04/02/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

House Status: 04/02/25 - Taken off notice in House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

Executive Status: 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. Johnson, Gloria; Rep. Love Jr., Harold; Rep. Miller, Larry; Rep. Pearson, Justin; Rep. Powell, Jason; Rep. Shaw, Johnny;

Position: Oppose

Priority:

Comment:

rows:

HB948 - S. Brooks - 04/02/25 - Taken off notice in House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

13. **SB1191**
Akbari R.

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: 04/02/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

House Status: 04/03/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

Executive Status: 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 - 04/03/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

14. **SB1350**
Akbari R.

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: 04/02/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

House Status: 04/02/25 - Taken off notice in House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

Executive Status: 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 - 04/02/25 - Taken off notice in House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

18. **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. 

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

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

Senate Status: 04/02/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

House Status: 04/01/25 - House Criminal Justice Subcommittee deferred to first calendar of 2026.

Executive Status: 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 - 04/01/25 - House Criminal Justice Subcommittee deferred to first calendar of 2026.

19. **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. 

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

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

Senate Status: 04/02/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

House Status: 04/02/25 - House Civil Justice Subcommittee deferred to first calendar of 2026.

Executive Status: 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 - 04/02/25 - House Civil Justice Subcommittee deferred to first calendar of 2026.

21. **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: 04/02/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

House Status: 02/10/25 - Referred to House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

Executive Status: 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.

22. **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. 
- Lamar L.

Amendment Summary:

Subcommittee Amendments:

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

Senate Status: 04/02/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

House Status: 04/01/25 - Taken off notice in House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

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

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 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 - 04/01/25 - Taken off notice in House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

26. **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: 04/02/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

House Status: 04/02/25 - Failed in House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

Executive Status: 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. Grills, Rusty; Rep. Martin, Brock; Rep. Powers, Dennis; Rep. Todd, Chris;


Position: Support

Priority:

Comment:

rows:

HB554 - K. Capley - 04/02/25 - Failed in House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

28. **SB407** **CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING: Revises the procedure for restoration of rights of citizenship.** 
 Gardenhire T. 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: 04/02/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

House Status: 04/03/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

Executive Status: 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 - 04/03/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

- 36. **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. . 
- Akbari R.
- Amendment Summary:**
- Subcommittee Amendments:**
- Fiscal Note:** (Dated February 17, 2025) STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES General Fund FY26-27 & Subsequent Years >\$797,900
- Senate Status:** 04/02/25 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.
- House Status:** 04/03/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.
- Executive Status:** 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:**
- HB625 - G. Hardaway - 04/03/25 - Set for House Judiciary Committee 04/08/25.

Tue 4/8/25 2:00pm - House Hearing Rm I, House State & Local Government Committee Consent

- 12. **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. 
- Grills R.
- 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:** 04/03/25 - Set for House State & Local Government Committee Consent 04/08/25.
- Executive Status:** House State & Local Government Committee Consent ;
- 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.