

SENATE BILL 309

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to semi-automatic
firearms.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1301, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() "Semi-automatic firearm" means a firearm that is designed to fire a single cartridge, eject the empty cartridge case, and reload the chamber each time the trigger is pulled;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1307(a)(2), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(D) A violation of subdivision (a)(1) in which the person carried a semi-automatic firearm shall be punished by incarceration for a mandatory minimum of thirty (30) days.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1307(d)(3), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(C) A violation of subdivision (d)(2) shall be punished by a mandatory minimum one-year sentence if the deadly weapon possessed is a semi-automatic firearm.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1324(g)(2), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(2) A violation of subsection (a) is a Class D felony, punishable by a mandatory minimum five-year sentence to the department of correction, if the defendant, at the time of the offense:

(A) Had a prior felony conviction; or

(B) Possessed a semi-automatic firearm.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1324(h)(2), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(2) A violation of subsection (b) is a Class C felony, punishable by a mandatory minimum ten-year sentence to the department of correction, if the defendant, at the time of the offense:

(A) Had a prior felony conviction; or

(B) Employed a semi-automatic firearm.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.