

HOUSE BILL 958

By Farmer

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16;
Title 33 and Section 38-6-109, relative to mental
health patients.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-6-109, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

() If a person who has been adjudicated as a mental defective or judicially committed to a mental institution attempts to purchase a firearm, the instant check unit of the Tennessee bureau of investigation shall notify the department of mental health and substance abuse services within one (1) day of receiving notice of the attempt.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-10-213(d), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

(d) The information in subdivisions (c)(1)-(5), the confidentiality of which is protected by other statutes or regulations, shall be maintained as confidential and not subject to public inspection pursuant to applicable statutes or regulations, except for such use as may be necessary in the conduct of any proceedings pursuant to §§ 38-6-109, 39-17-1316, 39-17-1353, and 39-17-1354.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.