

SENATE BILL 446

By Bell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
Chapter 17, relative to firearms, arms,
ammunition, or firearms accessories.

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

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Second Amendment Civil Rights Act of 2019".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1314, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(1) A government entity shall not enact, have, or enforce ordinances, rules, regulations, or policies that prohibit the ownership, construction, or operation of privately owned or operated gun or sport shooting ranges. To the extent that a government entity has or enforces any ordinance, rule, or regulation regulating the placement, design, construction, or operational standards of a privately owned or operated gun or sport shooting range, the government entity has the burden to prove, by clear and convincing evidence, that the ordinance, rule, or regulation is narrowly tailored to address a compelling governmental interest related to the design, construction, or operational standards being imposed and that those standards are limited hours of operation and safe construction of these ranges. In no event must any range standards impose greater requirements on private ranges than are applicable to any range located within the same county or an adjoining county and owned or operated by a government entity. A party may challenge any range prohibition, ordinance, rule, or regulation in the manner described in subsection (g).

(2) As used in this subsection, "government entity" means a city, county, town, municipality, metropolitan government, or department or agency of state government.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.