

SENATE BILL 1985

By Stevens

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to handgun carry
permits.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351, is amended by deleting subsection (n) and substituting instead the following:

(n)

(1) Except as provided in subdivision (n)(2), a permit issued pursuant to this section shall be good for eight (8) years and shall entitle the permit holder to carry any handgun or handguns that the permit holder legally owns or possesses. The permit holder shall have the permit in the holder's immediate possession at all times when carrying a handgun and shall display the permit on demand of a law enforcement officer.

(2) An enhanced handgun carry permit issued on or after January 1, 2021, shall not expire and shall continue to be valid for the life of the permit holder unless the permit holder no longer meets the requirements of this section. An enhanced handgun carry permit issued on or after January 1, 2021, shall not be subject to renewal. Every five (5) years after issuance of the enhanced handgun carry permit, the department shall conduct a name-based criminal history record check to determine whether the permit holder satisfies the requirements of this section. Upon discovery that an enhanced handgun carry permit holder no longer satisfies the requirements of this section, the department shall suspend or revoke the permit pursuant to § 39-17-1352.

(3)

(A) If the enhanced handgun carry permit holder's permit is suspended or revoked, the permit holder shall deliver, in person or by mail, the permit to the department within thirty (30) days of the suspension or revocation.

(B) If the department does not receive the enhanced handgun carry permit holder's suspended or revoked permit within thirty (30) days of the suspension or revocation, the department shall send notice to the permit holder that:

(i) The permit holder has thirty (30) days from the date of the notice to deliver the permit, in person or by mail, to the department; and

(ii) If the permit holder fails to deliver the suspended or revoked permit to the department within thirty (30) days of the date of the notice, the department will suspend the permit holder's driver license.

(C) If the department does not receive the enhanced handgun carry permit holder's suspended or revoked permit within thirty (30) days of the date of the notice provided by the department, the department shall suspend the permit holder's driver license in the same manner as provided in § 55-50-502.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351(o), is amended by deleting subdivision (o)(1)(D) and substituting instead the following:

(D) The permit number and issuance date.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351(o), is amended by deleting subdivision (o)(2) in its entirety.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351(p)(1), is amended by deleting the language "initial application" wherever it appears and substituting instead the language "application".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351(q)(1), is amended by deleting the language "Prior to the expiration of a permit" and substituting instead the language "Prior to the expiration of a permit issued prior to January 1, 2021,".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351(q), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(4) Any permit renewed on or after January 1, 2021, shall not expire and shall continue to be valid for the life of the permit holder in the same manner provided in subdivision (n)(2).

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351(x), is amended by deleting the subsection.

SECTION 8. In order to allow the department of safety to promulgate rules, regulations, and procedures required by this act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect January 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.