



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 444

SENATE BILL NO. 557

By Bell, Bowling, Crowe, Jackson, Niceley, Rose, Stevens

Substituted for: House Bill No. 446

By Warner, Griffey, Grills, Terry, Smith, Calfee, Moody, Doggett, Bricken, Haston, Todd, Weaver, Reedy, Eldridge, Cochran, Tim Hicks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38 and Title 39, relative to firearm laws.

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

SECTION 1. This act is known and may be cited as the "Tennessee Firearm Protection Act."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-3-115, is amended by deleting subsections (a) and (b) and substituting:

(a)(1) On or after July 1, 2021, public funds of this state, or any political subdivision of this state, shall not be allocated to the implementation, regulation, or enforcement of any federal law, executive order, rule, or regulation regulating the ownership, use, sale, or possession of firearms, ammunition, or firearm accessories, if the expenditure of public funds would result in the violation of another Tennessee statute, Tennessee common law, or the Constitution of Tennessee.

(2) On or after July 1, 2021, personnel or property of this state, or any political subdivision of this state, shall not be allocated to the implementation, regulation, or enforcement of any federal law, executive order, rule, or regulation regulating the ownership, use, sale, or possession of firearms, ammunition, or firearm accessories, if the expenditure of public funds would result in the violation of another Tennessee statute, Tennessee common law, or the Constitution of Tennessee.

(b)(1) On or after July 1, 2021, personnel or property of this state, or any political subdivision of this state, shall not be allocated to the implementation, regulation, or enforcement of any international law or treaty regulating the ownership, use, sale, or possession of firearms, ammunition, or firearm accessories, if the expenditure of public funds would result in the violation of another Tennessee statute, Tennessee common law, or the Constitution of Tennessee.

(2) On or after July 1, 2021, public funds of this state, or any political subdivision of this state, shall not be allocated to the implementation, regulation, or enforcement of any international law or treaty regulating the ownership, use, sale, or possession of firearms, ammunition, or firearm accessories, if the expenditure of public funds would result in the violation of another Tennessee statute, Tennessee common law, or the Constitution of Tennessee.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-3-115, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

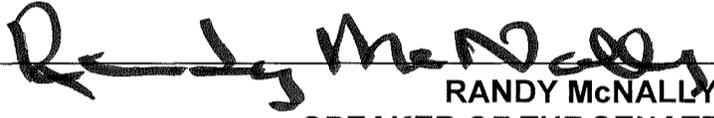
A violation of this section by a state or local government entity may be reviewed by the office of the attorney general and reporter and the general assembly and may result in the entity's loss of funding from the state for the fiscal year following the violation.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1314(b)(4), is amended by adding the language ", except as prohibited by § 38-3-115" before the period.

SECTION 5. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 29, 2021


RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 13th day of May 2021


BILL LEE, GOVERNOR