

SENATE BILL 2149

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and Title 39, relative to a handgun safety course.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) The department of safety shall create a voucher program for the purpose of providing a handgun safety course to persons who purchase handguns in this state from a licensed federal firearms dealer.

(b)

(1) The voucher program must consist of a non-transferable voucher provided to a handgun purchaser at the time the handgun is purchased in this state from a licensed federal firearms dealer.

(2) The voucher must be valid for thirty (30) days and entitle the handgun purchaser to participate in a handgun safety course approved by the department.

(3) The handgun purchaser must present the voucher to the entity providing the handgun safety course at the time the handgun purchaser participates in the course.

(4) The handgun purchaser must be responsible for any cost of the handgun safety course that exceeds the face value of the voucher.

(5) The value of the voucher must not exceed thirty dollars (\$30.00).

(6) An entity providing an approved handgun safety course to a person presenting a voucher must be able to present the voucher to the department for reimbursement of the cost of the course up to the face value of the voucher.

SECTION 2. This act is not an appropriation of funds, and funds shall not be obligated or expended pursuant to this act unless the funds are specifically appropriated by the general appropriations act.

SECTION 3. The department of safety is authorized to promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this act. The rules must be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 4. For purposes of promulgating rules and forms, this act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.