

SENATE BILL 1343

By Lamar

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

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1303(c), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

For purposes of this section:

(1) "Intoxicated" means substantial impairment of mental or physical capacity resulting from introduction of any substance into the body; and

(2) "Minor" means a person less than twenty-one (21) years of age; except "minor" means a person less than eighteen (18) years of age if a person is less than twenty-one (21) years of age and is an honorably discharged or retired veteran of the United States armed forces; an honorably discharged member of the national guard or armed forces reserves, who has successfully completed a basic training program; or is a member of the United States armed forces on active duty status or is a current member of the army national guard or armed forces reserves, who has successfully completed a basic training program.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1303, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (d) and redesignating existing subdivisions accordingly:

A minor is prohibited from purchasing or owning a firearm and commits an offense if the minor purchases or owns a firearm.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.