

SENATE BILL 1498

By Niceley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated,
Title 39, relative to firearms.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1307(g)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(1) The person is at least eighteen (18) years of age;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351(b), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead:

(b) Except as provided in subsection (r), any resident of Tennessee who is a United States citizen or lawful permanent resident, as defined by § 55-50-102, may apply to the department of safety for an enhanced handgun carry permit. If the applicant is at least eighteen (18) years of age and is not prohibited from possessing a firearm in this state pursuant to § 39-17-1307(b), 18 U.S.C. § 922(g), or any other state or federal law, and the applicant otherwise meets all of the requirements of this section, the department shall issue a permit to the applicant.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351(x)(1), is amended by deleting the language "twenty-one (21) years of age" and substituting instead the language "eighteen (18) years of age".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1313, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(e) Notwithstanding subsection (a), this section does not apply to a person who is under twenty-one (21) years of age and transports or stores a firearm or firearm ammunition in the person's motor vehicle while on or utilizing a public or private parking

area that is located on any public or private school campus, grounds, recreation area, athletic field, or any other property owned, operated, or while in use by any board of education, school, college or university board of trustees, regents, or directors for the administration of any public or private educational institution, unless the person:

(1) Is at least eighteen (18) years of age; and

(2)

(A) Is an honorably discharged or retired veteran of the United States armed forces;

(B) Is an honorably discharged member of the army national guard, the army reserve, the navy reserve, the marine corps reserve, the air national guard, the air force reserve, or the coast guard reserve, who has successfully completed a basic training program; or

(C) Is a member of the United States armed forces on active duty status, or is a current member of the army national guard, the army reserve, the navy reserve, the marine corps reserve, the air national guard, the air force reserve, or the coast guard reserve, who has successfully completed a basic training program.

SECTION 5. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.