

HOUSE BILL 1794

By Windle

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to the carrying and possession of firearms.

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

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Family Protection Act".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1307, is amended by deleting subsection (a) and substituting instead the following:

(a)

(1)

(A) A person commits an offense who carries with the intent to go armed a knife with a blade length exceeding four inches (4"), or a club.

(B) A person commits an offense who carries a firearm when such person is otherwise prohibited by law from carrying or possessing a firearm.

(2)

(A)

(1) The first violation of subdivision (a)(1)(A) is a Class C misdemeanor, and, in addition to possible imprisonment as provided by law, may be punished by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500).

(2) The first violation of subdivision (a)(1)(B) is a Class B misdemeanor.

(B)

(1) A second or subsequent violation of subdivision (a)(1)(A) is a Class B misdemeanor.

(2) A second or subsequent violation of subdivision (a)(1)(B) is a Class A misdemeanor

(C) A violation of subdivision (a)(1)(A) is a Class A misdemeanor with a fine not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) if the person's carrying of a handgun occurred at a place open to the public where one (1) or more persons were present.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.