

SENATE BILL 700

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351, relative to lifetime handgun carry permits.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351(n)(1), is amended by deleting the language “Except as provided in subdivision (n)(2)” and substituting instead the language “Except as provided in subdivision (n)(2) and subsection (x)”.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351(p)(1), is amended by deleting the language “The department shall charge” and substituting instead the language “Except as provided in subsection (x), the department shall charge”.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(x)

(1) Any resident of Tennessee who is a United States citizen or lawful permanent resident, as defined by § 55-50-102, who has reached twenty-one (21) years of age, may apply to the department of safety for a lifetime handgun carry permit. If the applicant is not prohibited from purchasing or possessing a firearm in this state pursuant to § 39-17-1316 or § 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. The lifetime handgun carry permit shall entitle the permit holder to carry any handgun or handguns the permit holder legally owns or possesses and shall entitle the permit holder to any privilege granted to handgun carry permit

holders. The requirements imposed on handgun carry permit holders by this section shall also apply to lifetime handgun carry permit holders.

(2) The department shall charge an application and processing fee of five hundred dollars (\$500) for a lifetime handgun carry permit. The application process shall otherwise be the same as the application process for a handgun carry permit as set out in this section. A lifetime handgun carry permit shall not expire and shall continue to be valid for the life of the permit holder unless the permit holder no longer meets the requirements of this section. A lifetime handgun carry permit shall not be subject to renewal.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.