

HOUSE BILL 48

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
relative to handgun carry permit fees.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351(p)(1), is amended by adding the following language after the second sentence:

One-half (1/2) of the application and processing fee paid pursuant to this subdivision (p)(1) shall be annually donated to one (1) or more nonprofit organizations that are tax exempt under United States Internal Revenue Code § 501(c)(3) (26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3)), in good standing, and established for the sole purpose of providing financial assistance to the families of police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical staff employed by an official police or firefighting organization in Tennessee who lose their lives or are the victims of serious, traumatic, and disabling injury in the line of duty. The nonprofit organizations shall be chosen by the speaker of the house of representatives, the speaker of the senate, and the commissioner of safety.

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

The department shall charge an application and processing fee for a lifetime handgun carry permit equal to the application and processing fee charged under subsection (p) plus a lifetime handgun carry permit fee of two hundred dollars (\$200); provided, however, that a permit holder who is applying for the renewal of a handgun carry permit under subsection (q) may instead obtain a lifetime handgun carry permit by submitting to the department a fee of two hundred dollars (\$200). The application process shall otherwise be the same as the application process for a handgun carry

permit as set out in this section. One-half (1/2) of every fee paid pursuant to this subdivision (x)(2) shall be annually donated to one (1) or more nonprofit organizations that are tax exempt under United States Internal Revenue Code § 501(c)(3) (26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3)), in good standing, and established for the sole purpose of providing financial assistance to the families of police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical staff employed by an official police or firefighting organization in Tennessee who lose their lives or are the victims of serious, traumatic, and disabling injury in the line of duty. The nonprofit organizations shall be chosen by the speaker of the house of representatives, the speaker of the senate, and the commissioner of safety. Other funds from the fees paid pursuant to this subdivision (x)(2) shall be used by the department for processing applications and issuing permits. Any remaining funds from the fees paid pursuant to this subdivision (x)(2) that are not donated to a nonprofit organization or used for processing applications and issuing permits shall be retained by the department to fund any necessary system modifications.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.