

HOUSE BILL 884

By Matheny

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351(b), relative to the carrying of firearms by the holder of a valid handgun carry permit.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351(b), is amended by designating the present language as subdivision (1) and by adding the following as new subdivisions:

(2) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the holder of a valid handgun carry permit issued pursuant to this section may carry firearms at all times and in all places within Tennessee, except as provided by subdivision (b)(3), federal law, or the lawful order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

(3) The authority conferred by this section shall not extend to a permit holder who:

(A) Is consuming beer or an alcoholic beverage or who is under the influence of beer, an alcoholic beverage, or a controlled substance or controlled substance analogue;

(B) Is attending a judicial proceeding; or

(C) Carries a firearm onto school grounds or inside a school building during regular school hours unless the holder immediately informs the principal that the holder will be present on school grounds or inside the school building and in possession of a firearm. If the principal is unavailable, the notice may be given to an appropriate administrative staff person in the principal's office.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.