

HOUSE BILL 1851

By Towns

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1322, relative to defenses involving firearms.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1322, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following new subsection

(b):

(b) A person who discharges a firearm within the geographical limits of a municipality shall not be deemed to have violated any ordinance in effect or be subject to any citation or fine the municipality may impose for discharging a firearm within the limits of the municipality if it is determined that when the firearm was discharged the person was acting in justifiable self-defense, defense of property, defense of another, or to prevent a criminal offense from occurring.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.