

SENATE BILL 983

By Gresham

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 3, Part 6 and Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to orders of protection.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 3, Part 6, is amended by adding the following new section:

36-3-626.

(a) A person who petitions the court and is granted an order of protection, ex parte or otherwise, pursuant to this part shall have the ability to carry any handgun or handguns that the person legally owns or possesses for sixty (60) days immediately following issuance of the order of protection. If the order of protection expires or is dissolved before sixty (60) days have passed, the person shall no longer be permitted to carry a handgun pursuant to this section.

(b) In order to carry a handgun as provided in subsection (a), the person shall have the order of protection in the person's immediate possession at all times when carrying a handgun and shall display the order of protection on demand of a law enforcement officer.

(c) This section shall not apply to a person who is prohibited from:

- (1) Possessing or receiving a firearm by 18 U.S.C. § 922(g);
- (2) Shipping or transporting a firearm by 18 U.S.C. § 922(n); or
- (3) Purchasing a firearm by § 39-17-1316.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1308(a), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

() By a person authorized to carry a firearm pursuant to § 36-3-626;

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