

SENATE BILL 1667

By Green

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,  
Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to unlawful  
possession of firearms.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1307(b)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(1) A person commits an offense who possesses a firearm, as defined in § 39-11-106, and:

(A) Has been convicted of a felony involving the use or attempted use of force, violence, or a deadly weapon; or

(B) Has been convicted of a felony not covered by subdivision (b)(1)(A); unless the conviction has been expunged, or the person has had the person's rights of citizenship fully restored in this state in accordance with title 40, chapter 29, part 1, in another state, or under federal law.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1307(c), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1308(b), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

(b) The defenses described in this section are not available to persons described in:

(1) Section 39-17-1307(b)(1)(A); or

(2) Section 39-17-1307(b)(1)(B) unless the conviction has been expunged or rights of citizenship have been fully restored.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.