

SENATE BILL 2369

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1359, relative to firearms.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1359(a)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

Except as provided in § 39-17-1313, an individual, corporation, business entity, or local, state, or federal government entity or agent thereof is authorized to:

(A) Prohibit the possession of weapons by any person who is at a meeting conducted by, or on property owned, operated, or managed or under the control of the individual, corporation, business entity, or government entity; or

(B) Restrict the possession of weapons by any person who is at a meeting conducted by, or on property owned, operated, or managed or under the control of the individual, corporation, business entity, or government entity by allowing a handgun to be carried in a concealed manner only by persons authorized to carry a handgun pursuant to § 39-17-1351.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1359(b), is amended by deleting the language "prohibition" wherever it appears and substituting instead the language "prohibition or restriction"; and by deleting the language "prohibited" wherever it appears and substituting instead the language "prohibited or restricted".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1359(b)(3), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(A) A sign shall be used as the method of posting.

(B)

(i) A sign prohibiting possession in accordance with subdivision (a)(1)(A) shall include the phrase "NO FIREARMS ALLOWED", and the phrase shall measure at least one inch (1") high and eight inches (8") wide. The sign shall also include the phrase "As authorized by T.C.A. § 39-17-1359".

(ii) The sign shall include a pictorial representation of the phrase "NO FIREARMS ALLOWED" that shall include a circle with a diagonal line through the circle and an image of a firearm inside the circle under the diagonal line. The entire pictorial representation shall be at least four inches (4") high and four inches (4") wide. The diagonal line shall be at a forty-five degree (45°) angle from the upper left to the lower right side of the circle.

(C)

(i) A sign restricting possession in accordance with subdivision (a)(1)(B) shall include the phrase "CONCEALED FIREARMS ONLY", and the phrase shall measure at least one inch (1") high and eight inches (8") wide. The sign shall also include the phrase "As authorized by T.C.A. §§ 39-17-1351 and 39-17-1359".

(ii) The sign shall include a pictorial representation of the phrase "CONCEALED FIREARMS ONLY" that shall include a circle with a diagonal line through the circle and an image of a firearm and an image of an eyeball inside the circle. The entire pictorial representation shall be at least four inches (4") high and four inches (4") wide. The diagonal line shall be at a forty five degree (45°) angle from the upper left to the lower right side of the circle.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1359(b)(4), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

An individual, corporation, business entity, or government entity that, as of January 1, 2018, used signs to provide notice of the prohibition permitted by subsection

(a) shall have until January 1, 2019, to replace existing signs with signs that meet the requirements of subdivision (b)(3).

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.