

SENATE BILL 1984

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to concealed
handgun carry permits.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1366(b)(4)(A)(i), is amended by deleting the language "or a similar agency of another state".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1366(b)(4)(A)(vii)(b), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(b) Has been certified by the commissioner of safety to demonstrate competence with a handgun, pursuant to subsection (l);

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1366(j)(2), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(2) A person may renew that person's concealed handgun carry permit beginning six (6) months prior to the expiration date on the face of the permit by completing an application, to be developed by the department, and submitting a renewal fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00).

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1366(l), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

(l) The commissioner has discretion to determine whether completion of a firearms training or safety course or class demonstrates actual competence with a handgun. If the commissioner determines that completion of a course or class demonstrates competence with a handgun, the commissioner shall issue a certification to the provider, which will be valid for a period of two (2) years. A provider may seek

renewal of the certification up to six (6) months prior to the expiration and in the same manner used for an initial application. In order to receive the certification, the course or class curriculum must meet the following minimum requirements:

(1) Convey the basic knowledge and skills necessary for safe handling and storage of firearms and ammunition and includes firearm safety rules, handgun uses, features, basic skills and techniques, safe cleaning, transportation, and storage methods;

(2) Convey the current state law on carrying handguns;

(3) Be at least ninety (90) minutes in length;

(4) Include a test of at least fifty (50) questions to confirm competency of the course or class curriculum. The provider must require the applicant to answer at least eighty percent (80%) of the questions correctly in order to complete the course or class; and

(5) Provide a printable certificate of course or class completion. The provider of the course or class must maintain a record of all scores for a minimum of five (5) years from the date the quiz was attempted.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1366, is amended by deleting subsection (n) and substituting instead the following:

(n) As used in this section:

(1) "Department" means the department of safety; and

(2) "Electronic, video, or online course" means a course, whether pre-recorded or not, that provides some form of interactive component that requires the applicant to be actively engaged. An electronic, video, or online course does not include a course consisting solely of the viewing or hearing pre-recorded material.

(o) The provider of a firearms training or safety course or class is responsible for all phases of the course or class, including:

(1) Assuring that all department rules and regulations are complied with;

(2) Being available for periodic inspection by the department; and

(3) Providing additional records or reports to the department, as requested.

(p) The application fee required by subdivision (b)(5) and the renewal fee required by subdivision (j)(2) shall be waived if the applicant:

(1) Is a former federal, state, or local law enforcement officer, as defined in § 39-11-106;

(2) Served for at least ten (10) years prior to leaving the law enforcement agency and was POST-certified, or had equivalent training, on the date the officer left the law enforcement agency;

(3) Was in good standing at the time of leaving the law enforcement agency, as certified by the chief law enforcement officer or designee of the organization that employed the applicant; and

(4) Is a resident of this state on the date of the application.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it.