

SENATE BILL 1040

By Campbell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37 and Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to the transfer of firearms.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, is amended by adding the following new section:

**39-17-1305.**

(a) The offense of illegal transfer of a firearm to a prohibited possessor is committed when a person intentionally gives, sells, donates, lends, delivers, or otherwise transfers a firearm to another person and the transferor knows or reasonably should know that the person receiving the firearm is prohibited from purchasing or possessing a firearm under state or federal law.

(b) If the person receiving the firearm is prohibited from purchasing or possessing a firearm under state or federal law only as a result of the person's age, a firearm is not deemed transferred if the transfer is only for the actual period of time in which the firearm is used or possessed under the transferor's supervision and for purposes of firearms instruction, hunting, or sport shooting.

(c) A violation of this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to transfers of firearms made on or after such date.