

HOUSE BILL 1821

By Miller

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

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1307(g), is amended by deleting subdivision (g)(1) and substituting:

(1)

(A) The person has a handgun carry permit issued pursuant to § 39-17-1351 or § 39-17-1366 and is in a county having a population over nine hundred thousand (900,000), according to the 2020 federal census or any subsequent federal census; or

(B) The person is not in a county having a population over nine hundred thousand (900,000), according to the 2020 federal census or any subsequent federal census, and:

(i) Is at least twenty-one (21) years of age; or

(ii) The person is at least eighteen (18) years of age and:

(a) Is an honorably discharged or retired veteran of the United States armed forces;

(b) Is an honorably discharged member of the army national guard, the army reserve, the navy reserve, the marine corps reserve, the air national guard, the air force reserve, or the coast guard reserve, who has successfully completed a basic training program; or

(c) Is a member of the United States armed forces on active duty status or is a current member of the army national guard, the army reserve, the navy reserve, the marine corps reserve, the air national guard, the air force reserve, or the coast guard reserve, who has successfully completed a basic training program;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) The department of safety shall establish a three-year pilot program that is in effect from January 1, 2025, to January 1, 2028, in a county having a population over nine hundred thousand (900,000), according to the 2020 federal census or any subsequent federal census, for the purpose of encouraging residents of those counties who want to lawfully carry a handgun to obtain an enhanced handgun carry permit or a concealed handgun carry permit.

(b) As part of the pilot program, the department of safety shall waive the application and processing fee for an enhanced handgun carry permit under § 39-17-1351(p)(1) and the application and processing fee for a concealed handgun carry permit under § 39-17-1366(b)(5) for persons residing in a county having a population over nine hundred thousand (900,000), according to the 2020 federal census or any subsequent federal census.

(c) The department of safety shall analyze and compare data on the incidences of gun violence within the geographical area of the pilot program that occurred before and during the pilot program. The department shall prepare a report of findings and conclusions and submit the report to the chairs of the criminal justice committee of the house of representatives and the judiciary committee of the senate by January 1, 2028.

SECTION 3. Section 1 of this act takes effect January 1, 2025, the public welfare requiring it. Section 2 of this act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. This act terminates January 1, 2028, and the law in effect prior to this act's effective date will be revived.