SENATE BILL 1695

By Yarbro

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, relative to firearm regulation by local governments.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1314(b), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

() Notwithstanding § 39-17-1313, the storage of a firearm in a motor vehicle when the motor vehicle is unoccupied. This subdivision (b)() applies only in counties having a population greater than ninety-eight thousand eight hundred (98,800), according to the 2020 or a subsequent federal census. A person who is in full compliance with an ordinance, resolution, policy, rule, or other enactment passed pursuant to this subdivision (b)(), as established by clear and convincing evidence, is immune from civil liability with respect to any claim based on the theft of such person's firearm while the person is not in the motor vehicle.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.