



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1

FIRST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

SENATE BILL NO. 85

By Johnson, Lowe, Jackson, Massey, Powers

Substituted for: House Bill No. 12

By Lamberth, Cochran, White, Sparks, Thompson, Baum, McCalmon, Bulso, Whitson, Hardaway, Haston, Towns, Zachary, Tim Hicks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13 and Title 67, Chapter 6, Part 3, relative to firearm safety.

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 as a new section:

(a) Subject to appropriations, the department of safety shall provide free firearm locks to a Tennessee resident upon the resident's request. The department of safety shall prominently display on the department's website instructions for requesting free firearm locks.

(b) The department shall collaborate with the Tennessee bureau of investigation, and other state agencies as the department deems appropriate, to create a public safety campaign dedicated to safe firearm storage using funds specifically appropriated for that purpose during the 2023-2024 fiscal year. It is the legislative intent that one million one hundred thousand dollars (\$1,100,000) be appropriated for the department's public safety campaign dedicated to safe firearm storage.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351(e), is amended by adding "Beginning October 1, 2023, all department-approved handgun safety courses shall include instruction on the safe storage of firearms; provided, however, that a course that was approved by the department prior to October 1, 2023, may continue to provide instruction in the same manner under which the course was previously approved. A person who has obtained an enhanced handgun carry permit prior to October 1, 2023, is not required by this subsection (e) to take an additional handgun safety course." before the last sentence.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1366(l)(1), is amended by deleting "storage methods" and substituting "safe storage methods; provided, however, that a course that was approved by the department prior to October 1, 2023, may continue to provide instruction in the same manner under which the course was previously approved. A person who has obtained a concealed carry permit prior to October 1, 2023, is not required by this subdivision (l)(1) to take an additional handgun safety course".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-6-393, is amended by deleting subsection (i).

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 6, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) There is exempt from the tax imposed by this chapter the retail sale of firearm safes and firearm safety devices.

(b) As used in this section:

(1) "Firearm safe" means a locking container or other enclosure, excluding glass-faced containers, equipped with a padlock, key lock, combination lock, or other locking device that is designed and intended for the secure storage of one (1) or more firearms; and

(2) "Firearm safety device" means:

(A) A device that, when installed on a firearm, is designed to prevent the firearm from being operated without first deactivating the device; or

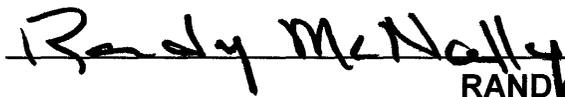
(B) A device to be equipped or installed on a firearm that is designed to prevent the operation of the firearm by anyone who does not have authorized access to the firearm.

SECTION 6. Section 5 of this act takes effect November 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it. All other sections of this act take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: August 29, 2023



RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 8th day of September 2023



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR