

HOUSE BILL 2180

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to prohibiting the possession of firearms on or in certain business entities.

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:

39-17-1325.

(a) As used in this section, "business entity"

(1) Means:

(A) A sole proprietor;

(B) Any legal entity organized under the laws of this state;

or

(C) Any legal entity registered with the secretary of state;

and

(2) Does not include this state and its political subdivisions.

(b) If a business entity prohibits the possession of weapons on the premises of its property or in its buildings pursuant to § 39-17-1359, and a person authorized to carry a handgun pursuant to § 39-17-1351 is injured on or in such property, the injured person shall have a cause of action against the business if the proximate cause of the injury was that the posting of the property prevented the person from adequately exercising the right of self-defense.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing or preempting any other cause of action a person may have against a business entity for injury,

death or property damage that is based upon the negligence or other tortious conduct of the business entity.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to applicable injuries occurring on or after such date.