

**Amendment No. 3 to HB0545**

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Signature of Sponsor**

**AMEND Senate Bill No. 1401**

**House Bill No. 545\***

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1359(c), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

(c)

(1) It is an offense to possess a weapon in a building or on property that is properly posted in accordance with this section.

(2) Notwithstanding subdivision (c)(1), it is a defense to a prosecution for an offense under this subsection (c) if the person:

(A) Is a permit holder pursuant to § 39-17-1351 in possession of a firearm;

(B) Has never been convicted of a violation of this subsection (c);

(C) Entered a private building or private property that was open to the public and not a private residence with the reasonable belief that the person was entitled to possess a firearm in the building or on the property because the required sign was obscured or otherwise not plainly visible; and

(D) Immediately left the building or property of the person's own volition without law enforcement being summoned or receiving notice from an employee or representative of the individual, corporation, or business entity.

(3) Possession of a weapon on posted property in violation of this section is a Class B misdemeanor punishable by fine only of five hundred dollars (\$500).

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SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to violations occurring on or after that date.