

STATE OF TENNESSEE

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 227

SENATE BILL NO. 309

By Berke, Jackson, Ketron, Ford

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1736

By Fincher, Dean

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-316, relative to sport shooting ranges.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-316(c), is amended by adding the following language at the end of the subsection:

Further with respect to any sport shooting range that is open to the public and was in continuous operation for at least thirty (30) years immediately preceding December 16, 2008, the right to operate as a shooting range shall not be amended, restricted, or terminated due to any land use planning or zoning applicable to the shooting range's location if:

(1) The shooting positions operate no closer than:

(A) One hundred fifty feet (150') from any adjoining boundary line or county road that extends from the southeast corner to the southwest corner;

(B) One hundred eighty feet (180') from any adjoining boundary line that extends from the southwest corner to the northwest corner;

(C) One hundred eighty feet (180') from any adjoining boundary line that extends from the northwest corner to the northeast corner;

(D) One hundred eighty feet (180') from any adjoining boundary line or county road that extends from the northeast corner to the southeast corner; and

(E) One hundred eighty feet (180') from any adjoining residential property boundary line, notwithstanding the above subdivisions.

(2) Any vegetation between the appropriate distance requirement described in subdivision (1) and the adjoining boundary line or county road remains undisturbed.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to any existing or future enforcement actions by a governmental entity, including any pending actions for which the time for final appeals has not expired and for which a final order or judgment has not been entered by the court.

**PASSED: May 18, 2009**



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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



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KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 19th day of May 2009**



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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR