



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 281

HOUSE BILL NO. 745

By Representatives Holsclaw, Kumar, Jernigan, Moody, Eldridge, Cameron Sexton, Todd, McManus, Durham, Sparks, Wilburn

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 700

By Senators Niceley, Bailey, Bowling, Roberts, Stevens

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351, relative to lifetime handgun carry permits.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351(n)(1), is amended by deleting the language "Except as provided in subdivision (n)(2)" and substituting instead the language "Except as provided in subdivision (n)(2) and subsection (x)".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351(p)(1), is amended by deleting the language "The department shall charge" and substituting instead the language "Except as provided in subsection (x), the department shall charge".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(x)

(1) Any resident of Tennessee who is a United States citizen or lawful permanent resident, as defined by § 55-50-102, who has reached twenty-one (21) years of age, may apply to the department of safety for a lifetime handgun carry permit. If the applicant is not prohibited from purchasing or possessing a firearm in this state pursuant to § 39-17-1316 or § 39-17-1307(b), 18 U.S.C. § 922(g), or any other state or federal law, and the applicant otherwise meets all of the requirements of this section, the department shall issue a permit to the applicant. The lifetime handgun carry permit shall entitle the permit holder to carry any handgun or handguns the permit holder legally owns or possesses and shall entitle the permit holder to any privilege granted to handgun carry permit holders. The requirements imposed on handgun carry permit holders by this section shall also apply to lifetime handgun carry permit holders.

(2) The department shall charge an application and processing fee of five hundred dollars (\$500) for a lifetime handgun carry permit. The application process shall otherwise be the same as the application process for a handgun carry permit as set out in this section. Any funds from the fees paid pursuant to this subdivision (x)(2) that are not used for processing applications and issuing permits shall be retained by the department to fund any necessary system modifications required to create a lifetime handgun carry permit and monitor the eligibility of lifetime handgun carry permit holders as required by subdivision (x)(3).

(3) A lifetime handgun carry permit shall not expire and shall continue to be valid for the life of the permit holder unless the permit holder no longer meets the requirements of this section. A lifetime handgun carry permit shall not be subject to renewal; provided, however, that every five (5) years after issuance of the lifetime handgun carry permit, the department shall conduct a criminal history record check in the same manner as required for handgun carry permit renewals. Upon discovery that a lifetime handgun carry permit holder no longer satisfies the requirements of this section, the department shall suspend or revoke the permit pursuant to § 39-17-1352.

(4)

(A) If the lifetime handgun carry permit holder's permit is suspended or revoked, the permit holder shall deliver, in person or by mail, the permit to the department within thirty (30) days of the suspension or revocation.

(B) If the department does not receive the lifetime handgun carry permit holder's suspended or revoked permit within thirty (30) days of the suspension or revocation, the department shall send notice to the permit holder that:

(i) The permit holder has thirty (30) days from the date of the notice to deliver the permit, in person or by mail, to the department; and

(ii) If the permit holder fails to deliver the suspended or revoked permit to the department within thirty (30) days of the date of the notice, the department will suspend the permit holder's driver license.

(C) If the department does not receive the lifetime handgun carry permit holder's suspended or revoked permit within thirty (30) days of the date of the notice provided by the department, the department shall suspend the permit holder's driver license in the same manner as provided in § 55-50-502.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 15, 2015



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 28th day of April 2015



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR