

State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 599

HOUSE BILL NO. 1851

By Representatives Towns, Cooper, Hardaway, Moody, Terry, Eldridge

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1910

By Senators Niceley, Lundberg, Bowling, Gresham, Stevens

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1322, relative to defenses involving firearms.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1322, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following new subsection (b):

(b) A person who discharges a firearm within the geographical limits of a municipality shall not be deemed to have violated any ordinance in effect or be subject to any citation or fine the municipality may impose for discharging a firearm within the limits of the municipality if it is determined that when the firearm was discharged the person was acting in justifiable self-defense, defense of property, defense of another, or to prevent a criminal offense from occurring.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: <u>March 12, 2018</u>

BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

RANDY MCNALL SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 23rd day of Marh 2018

BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR