

HOUSE BILL 2452

By Towns

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1316, relative to the sale of firearms.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1316, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

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(1) A federally licensed firearms dealer who sells firearms to the public at retail shall post a sign clearly visible at each point-of-sale that is designed to demonstrate and inform the purchaser the various ways in which a firearm should be stored to ensure that it is safe from accidental or intentional discharge by another without the consent of the owner.

(2) The language and illustrations, if any, demonstrating proper and safe firearm storage shall be developed by the department of safety and shall be placed on the department's web site in a manner that permits a firearms dealer to download the language and print it for use on the signs.

(3) A firearms dealer may create the dealer's own signs, provided they conform to the language and illustrations recommended by the department.

(4) The department shall develop the language for the sign by October 1, 2016, and signs shall be posted by all licensed firearms dealers to whom this subsection (r) applies by January 1, 2017.

(5) A federally licensed firearms dealer who knowingly fails to post the sign or signs required by this section or posts a non conforming sign commits a

Class C misdemeanor and is subject, upon conviction, to a fine of fifty dollars (\$ 50.00).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, for the purpose of the department creating language for the signs required by this act. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect on January 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.