SENATE BILL 1490

By Overbey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to military veterans.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (y):

- (y) An applicant shall not be required to comply with the firing range and classroom hours requirements of subsection (e) if the applicant:
 - (1) Is an honorably discharged or retired veteran of the United States armed forces:
 - (2) Presents a certified copy of the applicant's certificate of release or discharge from active duty, department of defense form 214 (DD 214) that:
 - (A) Documents a date of discharge or retirement within five (5) years from the date of application for a handgun carry permit; and
 - (B) May have all or a portion of the applicant's social security identification number redacted; and
 - (3) Presents documentation of the successful completion of all handgun training of not less than four (4) hours as required by any branch of the United States armed forces.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351(e), is amended by deleting the language "The department shall" in the first sentence and by substituting instead the language "Except as provided in subsection (y) or this subsection (e), the department shall".

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.