## **HOUSE BILL 493**

## By Doggett

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, relative to handguns.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1315(a)(1)(B), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (a)(1)(C) and inserting the following new subdivision (a)(1)(B):

Any person employed as a firefighter or emergency medical technician may carry a handgun while engaged in the performance of the person's official duties pursuant to a written directive by the executive supervisor of the organization to which the person is attached or employed; provided, that the person has successfully completed and continues to successfully complete on an annual basis a firearm training program of at least eight (8) hours duration.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.