SENATE BILL 1439

By Southerland

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to handgun carry permits.

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 new subdivision to subsection (n):

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection (n), every handgun carry permit issued or renewed by the department on or after the effective date of this subdivision, shall be issued for a period of five (5) years and shall expire on the permit holder's birth date. The commissioner shall issue an initial permit or permit renewal for three (3) to seven (7) years, whichever number is necessary to ensure that the permit will expire on each subsequent birth date of the permit holder that is divisible by five (5). It is the intent of this subdivision that after the initial renewal, the renewal date for persons who have both a handgun carry permit and a driver license be the same date. That portion of permit or permit renewal fees due under this section that are retained by the department shall be prorated to reflect the appropriate fee for a renewal cycle of greater or lesser length than five (5) years.

SECTION 2. For purposes of implementing the staggered handgun permit renewal dates required by this section, it shall take effect when the department of safety's "A-List" driver license program is complete and operational, the public welfare requiring it. However, in no event shall it take effect later than January 1, 2016.