

SENATE BILL 1804

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36;  
Title 37; Title 39; Title 40 and Title 70, relative to  
antique firearms.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-11-106(a)(11), is amended by adding the language ", but does not include an antique firearm" immediately before the semicolon.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated Section 39-11-106(a), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

( ) "Antique firearm":

(A) Means:

(i) Any firearm, including any firearm with a matchlock, flintlock, percussion cap, or similar type of ignition system, manufactured in or before the year 1898; or

(ii) Any replica of any firearm described in subdivision (a)( ) (A)(i) if such replica:

(a) Is not designed or redesigned for using rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition; or

(b) Uses rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition which is no longer manufactured in the United States and which is not readily available in the ordinary channels of commercial trade; or

(iii) Any muzzle loading rifle, muzzle loading shotgun, or muzzle loading pistol, which is designed to use black powder, or a black powder substitute, and which cannot use fixed ammunition; and

(B) Does not include any weapon which incorporates a firearm frame or receiver, any firearm which is converted into a muzzle loading weapon, or any muzzle loading weapon which can be readily converted to fire fixed ammunition by replacing the barrel, bolt, breechblock, or any combination thereof;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-103(b)(3), is amended by adding the language "or other deadly weapon" immediately after the language "discharging a firearm".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1324, is amended by adding the language "or antique firearm" immediately after the language "firearm" wherever it appears.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.