

HOUSE BILL 1904

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to the possession of weapons.

WHEREAS, acts of mass violence typically occur in gun-free zones; and

WHEREAS, permitting those authorized to carry a handgun in a concealed manner pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 39-17-1351 and 39-17-1366 in locations that are posted as gun-free zones will raise the level of deterrence for those who intend to carry out acts of mass violence; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1359, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(2) and substituting:

(2) The prohibition in subdivision (a)(1)(A) does not apply to a person who is authorized to carry a firearm pursuant to § 39-17-1351 or § 39-17-1366 if the person is carrying the firearm in a concealed manner. A person who is authorized to carry a firearm pursuant to § 39-17-1351 or § 39-17-1366 and who carries a concealed firearm at a meeting conducted by, or on property owned, operated, or managed or under the control of the individual, corporation, business entity, or government entity that is properly posted pursuant to subdivision (a)(1)(A) shall remove the firearm from the premises upon the request of the individual, corporation, business entity, or government entity. A permit holder who refuses to remove the firearm from the premises upon request of the individual, corporation, business entity, or government entity does not commit a violation of this section but may be charged with the offense of criminal trespass pursuant to § 39-14-405.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1359(c)(1), is amended by deleting "It is an offense" and substituting "Except as provided in subdivision (a)(2), it is an offense".

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.