HOUSE BILL 995

By Harrison

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

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

- SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1311(b)(1), is amended by deleting subdivision (H) and by substituting instead the following:
 - (H) Persons possessing a handgun, who are authorized to carry the handgun pursuant to § 39-17-1351, while within or on a public park, natural area, historic park, nature trail, campground, forest, greenway, waterway, or other similar public place that is owned or operated by the state, a county, a municipality, or instrumentality thereof;
- SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1311, is amended by deleting subsections (c), (d), and (e) in their entireties.
- SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1359, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:
- (f) Notwithstanding any provision of this part to the contrary, a person possessing a handgun, who is authorized to carry the handgun pursuant to § 39-17-1351, shall not be prohibited from doing so on the grounds of the state capitol or the surrounding capitol complex.
 - SECTION 3-4. This act shall take effect April 6, 2015, the public welfare requiring it

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