

HOUSE BILL 221

By Bass

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 subsections:

(w) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the following information and records are confidential, not available for public inspection and may not be published in any manner:

(1) All information contained in any application for a permit or renewal application, and in any materials required for a permit;

(2) All information provided to any state or federal agency, to any county, municipality, or other political subdivision, to any official, agent, or employee of any state or federal agency, or obtained by any state or federal agency in the course of its investigation of an applicant; and

(3) Any and all records maintained relative to any application for a permit or renewal application, or the issuance, renewal, expiration, suspension, or revocation of a permit, or the result of any criminal history record check conducted under this section.

(x) Any information or other records regarding an applicant or permit holder may be released to a law enforcement agency for the purpose of conducting an investigation or prosecution, or for determining the validity of a permit, but shall not be publicly disclosed except as evidence in a criminal proceeding.

(y)

(1) Except as provided for in subsection (x), it is an offense for a person, other than the applicant or permit holder, to knowingly publish in any form any information or records described in subsection (w) or information concerning the validity of any permit.

(2) A violation of this subsection (y) is a Class A misdemeanor punishable by fine only.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.