

HOUSE BILL 473

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5 and 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 10-7-504, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(o)

(1) The following information and records are confidential, not open or available for public inspection and shall not be released, except as provided for in subdivision (o)(2):

(A) All information contained in any application for a handgun carry permit issued pursuant to § 39-17-1351, a permit renewal application, or contained in any materials required to be submitted in order to obtain such a permit;

(B) 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 for a handgun carry permit; and

(C) Any and all records maintained relative to an application for a handgun carry permit issued pursuant to § 39-17-1351, a permit renewal application, the issuance, renewal, expiration, suspension, or revocation of a handgun carry permit, or the result of any criminal history record check conducted under this part.

(2) 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 handgun carry permit, or to a child support enforcement agency for purposes of child support enforcement, but shall not be publicly disclosed except as evidence in a criminal or child support enforcement proceeding.

(3) Nothing in this subsection (o) shall prohibit release of the handgun carry permit statistical reports authorized by § 39-17-1351(s).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.