



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 847

HOUSE BILL NO. 2442

By Representatives Farmer, Crawford, Powell, Shaw, Hazlewood, Harris, White,  
Thompson, Miller, Carr

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2825

By Senator Swann

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, relative to employment as a law enforcement officer.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-105(d), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

(d) Notwithstanding any citizenship requirement in a private act or charter provision to the contrary, a municipality, county, political subdivision of this state, or state law enforcement agency is authorized to employ a police officer who is a permanent legal resident of the United States; provided, that the police officer applies for or obtains United States citizenship within six (6) years of the employment start date with the law enforcement agency.

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

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PASSED: April 6, 2022



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR