

HOUSE BILL 2670

By Faison

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-7-504, 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:

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(1) Except as provided in subdivision (p)(2), the following documents, and the information contained in such documents, shall be available for copying and distribution pursuant to subdivision (p)(3):

(A) The application or permit renewal application for a handgun carry permit issued pursuant to § 39-17-1351, and the information contained therein;

(B) Other materials submitted to the department to obtain a handgun carry permit and the information contained in such materials;

(C) Materials provided to a governmental agency, or employee thereof, for the purpose of the agency conducting an investigation into an applicant for a handgun carry permit and the information contained in such materials; and

(D) Whether a person has or has not been issued a handgun carry permit.

(2)

(A) All documents, and the information contained in such documents, unless otherwise protected by state or federal law, pertaining

to a handgun carry permit which has been revoked pursuant to § 39-17-1352, shall be open records and, upon written request to the department of safety, shall be made available for public inspection as provided in this part.

(B) If a permit has not been renewed pursuant to § 39-17-1351, the department shall not provide any information in response to a request for information pursuant to this subsection (p).

(3) Not more than fifteen (15) records or other such information in subdivision (p)(1) may be copied or reproduced by one (1) person in one (1) day. For the purposes of this subsection (p), a record shall be any portion of a file maintained by the department of safety relative to a handgun permit for one (1) person. A compilation of records or other information may be provided if the names, addresses and other identifying information in such records are redacted prior to being copied or reproduced.

(4) 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.

(5) Nothing in this subsection (p) shall prohibit release of 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, and shall apply to all Tennessee handgun carry permits.