

SENATE BILL 40

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70, Chapter 4 and Title 70, Chapter 5, relative to possession of handguns while on certain premises.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-4-117, is amended by adding the following language as new subsection (d):

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), a person with a handgun carry permit pursuant to § 39-17-1351 may possess a handgun the entire year while on the premises of any refuge, public hunting area, wildlife management area or, to the extent permitted by federal law, national forest land maintained by the state. Nothing in this subsection shall authorize a person to use any handgun to hunt unless such person is in full compliance with all wildlife laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-5-101, is amended by adding the following language as subsection (c) and by redesignating the remaining subsections accordingly:

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b), a person with a handgun carry permit pursuant to § 39-17-1351 may possess a handgun the entire year while on the premises of any refuge, public hunting area or wildlife management area or, to the extent permitted by federal law, national forest land maintained by the state. Nothing in this subsection shall authorize a person to use any handgun to hunt unless such person is in full compliance with all wildlife laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.