

SENATE BILL 263

By Jackson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13 and Title 40, Chapter 28, relative to probation and parole officers.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 28, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 40-28-131.

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 39-17-1315, to the contrary, any probation or parole officer who has a valid permit to carry a handgun issued pursuant to § 39-17-1351, shall be allowed to carry such handgun at the same times, in the same locations, and under the same circumstances as set out in § 39-17-1350, for a law enforcement officer.

(b) The board of paroles may require that a parole or probation officer receive more extensive handgun training than is required for a handgun carry permit if the officer intends to carry a handgun during the course of the officer's employment. The amount and type of additional training shall be in the discretion of the board.

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